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LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

STRAITS RICE CONTROL.

To End in February.

Singapore, December 16.
The Food Controller has told the rice merchants that control will end in February. After the merchants have taken up the 70,000 tons Government stocks, free import and export by licence will be allowed.
It is expected that the retail price will fall considerably.

SINGAPORE TRADE RETURNS.

Imports Up: Exports Down.

Singapore, December 16.
The trade figures for the third quarter show imports valued at \$30,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000 and exports totalling \$21,000,000, a decrease of \$49,000,000.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, December 15.

The Government has received a telegram from New York to the effect that the New Consortium will only advance loans to Chinese for development of industries, and railways, including the silk industry of Chekiang and the fisheries along the coast, with-out the pledge of the field taxes, but will not advance any sum for re-organisation.

The work of the building of the tramway in the city has been given to a French engineer and will commence at the beginning of next year.

It is said that the Bank Group has shown its inclination to advance a loan for the building of the Szechuen-Hankow-Canton Railway, with the tobacco and wine revenue as security.

Shanghai, December 15.

Sun Yat-sen, Tang Shao-yee and Wu Ting-fang have indirectly informed the President that they will not have any communication with the North unless the union mandate is cancelled and the Peace Conference reopened within a week.

(Other Telegrams on Page 1.)

INTERPORT CRICKET.

Shanghai Invite Likely to be Accepted.

As intimated in a letter from the President of the Shanghai Cricket Club which was published yesterday, the Northern port has extended an invitation to Hongkong to take a cricket team there in May next year for the purpose of engaging in a further interport contest.

This morning we enquired of Mr. L. S. Greenhill, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Cricket Club, whether there is a likelihood of the invitation being accepted. He informed us that the matter had not yet been officially discussed, though he thought it most likely that the invitation would be accepted. It was Mr. Greenhill added, rather early yet to consider the matter, though eventually a team would in all probability be sent to Shanghai.

DAY BY DAY.

The Dragon Motor Car Co. has issued a very dainty calendar, bearing a most artistic hand-painted water colour of a charming girl, entitled "I Love a Lassie", after the original by—Haskell Coffin.

Sentence of one month's hard labour was this morning passed on a Chinese employee at the Import and Export Office who was convicted of the theft of a parcel owned by Mr. J. I. Shaw. An office coolie witnessed the theft which took place in the Department yesterday. He at once informed the head, and together they put in a bit of detective work by following the defendant as he left the office with the parcel under his arm. They traced him to Wellington Street, where it developed that his mission was to a pawnshop. Before he could dispose of the parcel in this manner, he found himself grabbed and handed over to the Police.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency the Governor gave a dinner party at Government House last evening. The guests present were:—The Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, the Venerable Archbishop Barnett, Mrs. Barnett, Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C. B. E., Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C. B. E., Mrs. Kemp, Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O. B. E., Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O. B. E., Hon. Mr. E. H. S. v. p., O. B. E., Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mrs. Holyoak.

Commodore de Marguerie, accompanied by Mr. Raymond, Consul for France, called at Government House, this morning, and were received by His Excellency.

PROFIT-SHARING PLAN.

15,000 Cotton Operatives to Participate.

Fifteen firms, employing 15,000 work-people, and controlled by the Amalgamated Cotton Mills Trust, Limited, will benefit financially from a scheme of profit-sharing just propounded.

Every employee will have the opportunity of investing his or her savings in a loan carrying a minimum interest of 5 per cent., free of income tax, and also participate in profits of the Amalgamated Cotton Mills Trust, Limited.

The minimum amount to be invested is £1. Provided a dividend exceeding 5 per cent. is paid on Ordinary shares, a further interest will be paid on moneys invested by workpeople previous to December 1 and left on deposit for the period of 12 months.

Amalgamated Cotton Mills Trust, Ltd., who employ about 15,000 people, recently purchased the mills of Messrs. Horrocks, Crowdsen and Co., of Preston.

WAR MEMORIAL INSTITUTE.

"On Y.M.C.A. Lines."

A further step forward in the war memorial scheme was indicated yesterday in the appearance of an advertisement indicating that subscription lists were now to be found at various specified Clubs and premises "for the erection by public subscription of a building to be run on Y.M.C.A. lines, to be called the War Memorial Institute, and to be managed for the joint use of the Navy, the Army and Civilians by a Joint Board of Directors."

It will be recalled that at the public meeting held to inaugurate the scheme, some discussion took place as to the name of the building, although the meeting had previously adopted a resolution reading:—"That this meeting approves of the erection by public subscription of a Y.M.C.A. building, to be managed for the joint use of Navy, Army and Civilians, by a joint Board of Directors." A further resolution adopted at this meeting was to the effect that the War Memorial be amalgamated in its major part with the new Y.M.C.A. and that in addition a simple memorial be erected on the "finest site."

To-day we interviewed the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak on the question of the name of the Institute. He said that the name was changed because the Committee which was appointed to deal with the matter thought it wisest to change the name of the Institute into "The War Memorial Institute." The meeting at which the change of name was decided was held about ten days ago, immediately after the public meeting at the City Hall, when the Board of Management which was appointed was authorised to choose a name for the proposed Institute.

Asked where the Y.M.C.A. came in under the new scheme, Mr. Holyoak said that the War Memorial Institute would be run on Y.M.C.A. lines.

But what does "Y.M.C.A. lines" mean. Does it mean that the officers of the Y.M.C.A. will run the Club? queried our representative. Mr. Holyoak merely replied that it would be run "on Y.M.C.A. lines," he was not prepared to commit himself to any statement. He was the Chairman, he explained of the Finance Committee. In reply to a question as to whether the War Memorial Institute will be teetotal in character, Mr. Holyoak assured us that it would be.

BABIES AT CINEMAS.

Stong Condemnation.

"There cannot be any doubt that young children, and particularly infants, suffer severely, and to an ever-increasing extent, by what appears to be a habit very much on the increase, whereby mothers expose these infants of tender age to the inclemency of the weather at late hours at night, and very especially in places of entertainment, particularly picture houses."

Thus Dr. Maxwell Williamson in dealing with infantile mortality in the course of his report on the health of Edinburgh during 1919. "It is a perfectly common experience to find in the poorer class of picture house great numbers of women who night after night, are accompanied by an infant in arms. There can be no two opinions about the serious danger entered to the life of the infant, and I am very strongly indeed of opinion that with the time has now come when in their interest some regulation should exist to render this impossible."

FORD BONUS.

Bonus cheques, aggregating more than \$7,000,000 (Gold), for the employees of the Ford Motor Co., are being written. Distribution is to start on January 1.

FIRE AT NORTH POINT.

In Electric Company's Shed.

Damage of considerable extent was caused to machinery and electric cables by a fire which broke out in the shed where they were stored at North Point at 7 o'clock yesterday evening, the Brigade under the command of Stationmaster Moss turned out in full force with their three engines to the scene of the conflagration which was the shed belonging to the Electric Light Company at North Point. It will be remembered that on the 12th November last a similar calamity visited this property of the Electric Company, but the extent of damage suffered on that occasion did not equal the present loss which resulted from the structure being entirely burnt down. Machinery and other electric appliances were more or less damaged by this conflagration, in spite of the efforts of the Brigade reinforced by the assistance of two fire floats. The damage sustained is reported to amount to a considerable sum.

The Fire Brigade, a few minutes before this outbreak, received another call to go to No. 182 Queen's Road, where the fusing of electric wires gave considerable alarm. However, no damage was sustained.

FOOTBALL.

Saturday's 2nd Division Fixtures.

Below are the fixtures for the 2nd Division on Saturday, 18th December:—

4 p.m.—St. Joseph's v. United. —St. Joseph's ground.
2.30 p.m.—Indians v. Recreation. —Navy "A" ground.
2.30 p.m.—Punjabis v. Staffs and Depts. —Sackupoo ground.
2.30 p.m.—Oilers v. Carlisle. —Navy "B" ground.
2.30 p.m.—Club v. R.G.A. Res. —Club ground.
4 p.m.—South China v. Kowloon. —South China ground.

NEW PACIFIC CABLE.

Great Increase in Traffic.

It is expected that at the next session of the U.S. Congress a bill will be introduced by Senator Wesley L. Jones, paving the way for the preliminary work of laying a second trans-Pacific cable, and the deliberations of the International Cable Conference at Washington should be followed with the deepest interest by Puget Sound interests as well as the Pacific Coast and Orient. The need of additional cables across the Pacific has long been felt, but with the growing commerce the inadequacy of the facilities is doubly emphasized. Except for the military cable from Seattle to Alaska, the inter-island cables in the Philippines and a short line from Key West to the island of Dry Tortugas, all the American cables are privately owned.

Since 1913 Pacific cable traffic has increased nearly nine-fold and the Department of Commerce estimates that the cable pays in as much as 85 per cent. of American transactions: with the Orient. The single span of cable which connects the U.S. to the Philippines, China, India and Japan, has been greatly overloaded. In 1913 the traffic over this single line of communication was approximately 580,000 words, in 1918 4,290,000 words sent across the same cable, while last year the total exceeded 5,000,000 words. Some slight relief is being afforded by radio stations which have a present capacity of from 10,000 to 15,000 words per day, and only very recently commercial cable service between Seattle and Honolulu was resumed over the Navy wireless station.

"BROWN SUGAR."

Last Night's Delightful Play.

For the first time in the East, the three-act comedy, "Brown Sugar," was produced last night at the Theatre Royal by the Comedy Company. The play is now enjoying a high and successful run at Home, and it is a great deal that it is now in the theatre, but the quaintness of the situations, the cleverness of the dialogue and the many flashes of humour which it contains lifts the piece far above the mediocre.

It is a story of a charming but impetuous chorus girl who has married the youthful Lord Sloane and who, by the brutal frankness of her conversation and her tendency to go off into the tantrums whenever she is patronised by her husband's female relatives, disrupts her mother-in-law's household and generally upsets the smug conventionalities thereof. In particular she is "up against" Lady Honoria Nesbitt, a former sweetheart of Lord Sloane's—a lady of the languid, "catty" type who loses no opportunity of humbling the ex-chorus girl. It is this bitter-souled creature who gives Lady Sloane the nickname of "Brown Sugar"—"sweet but unrefined." The latter, however, is one too good for the jealous shrew, whom she cuttlingly describes during one of their frequent clashes as "the most ghastly mistake God ever made." In the end, Lady Sloane can stand Society no longer and she is just fixing up a contract to return to the stage when she is "rescued" by her former persecutors, who become conscious of her genuineness and all ends happily.

The bulk of the work fell to Miss Marjorie Clark, who took the title role. It was not an easy task, but she came through with flying colours, establishing her greatest success of the season. She came in for a great ovation at the close of the play and was almost smothered with bouquets sent up by an admiring audience. Another big success was achieved by Miss Beatrice Wynn, as the cold and austere Lady Honoria—a part which she interpreted with much skill. Miss Muriel Aked was the patronising mother-in-law (Lady Knightsbridge) and she could hardly be bettered in the part. As Lord Sloane, Mr. Tom Fenwick did well, in rather too restrained a manner; whilst Mr. Frank Wheatley, as Lord Knightsbridge, kept things going by his general breeziness, though his lung-power is a trifle overpowered at times. As Lord Sloane's brother, Archie, Mr. Dudley Howarth was naturalness itself, a happy characteristic which we have noticed in all his work during the season. The other characters were all ably taken, and the play was in every way a complete success.

To-night "The Case of Lady Camber" is to be re-staged, and it should draw a large audience.

THE "SOLDIERS FRIEND."

The death has occurred of Sir James Gildea, the soldier's friend. Col. Sir James Gildea, K.C.V., C.V.O., C.B., F.R.G.S., was a real friend of the soldier. Born in 1833 he saw considerable active service and served in the Franco-German war of 1870 on behalf of the National Society for aid to the sick and wounded. He was mainly instrumental in raising a fund of £12,000 for the relief of widows of those killed during the Zulu war. In 1880 he raised a similar fund in connection with the Afghan war. He raised numerous other funds for dependants of soldiers and was mainly responsible for the administration of a million and quarter pounds placed in the hands of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Families Association, of which he was chairman during the South African war. He similarly handled two and half millions during the European war.

FAMINE RELIEF.

Help From Hongkong.

The Hon. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, writes us as follows:—
I have to request you to be good enough to publish this acknowledgment of the receipt of a cheque for \$1,643.34 from Mr. Mowbray S. Northcote, being subscription to the North China Famine Fund by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, proceeds of the last performance in the City Hall. The amount is being remitted to the Foreign Committee in Shanghai.

Many enquiries are made as to the best method of dealing with subscriptions to the North China Famine Fund, and I would be obliged for the favour of your assistance in letting it be known that the Government is prepared to receive and forward sums intended for use by the Foreign Committee, while the Tung Wah Hospital has already opened a subscription list and is in touch with the Chinese Committee under Mr. Leung Shi-yi. Subscriptions for either list can be sent to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and will be dealt with as may be requested. In the absence of special directions, the money will be sent to the Tung Wah Hospital for use by the Chinese organisation.

BILLIARDS.

Exhibition Game at Palace Hotel.

A most interesting game of billiards was witnessed at the above Hotel on Wednesday night, when T. B. Golding played an exhibition game with Capt. E. B. Green.

The game was one of 600 up and after very consistent play Golding ran out winner by 36 points. Final scores:—Golding, 600; Green, 564.
The highest breaks of the winner were 32, 26, 25, 23, 22, 20, 19, 18, 17, 17, 16 and 15, whilst the loser compiled 24, 24, 22, 20, 18, 17, 17, 17, 16, 15 and 15.

MRS. ASQUITH'S EXPERIENCES OF TELEPATHY.

Queen Victoria's Death.

"I have had many interesting personal experiences of untraceable communication and telepathy, and I think the people who set themselves against this side of life are excessively stupid, but I do not, myself, connect these experiences with religion any more than I would with Marconi."

This is a passage from Mrs. Asquith's diary as published in the New York Metropolitan Magazine.

The complete work is to be published shortly by Messrs. Thornton Butterworth, Ltd.

Mrs. Asquith tells this curious story. "One day in 1901 we were staying at Chatsworth. Before going down to dinner Henry came into my bedroom and told me he had had a telegram to say that Queen Victoria was very ill, and he feared the worst."

"After dinner I was asked by two of the Duchess's granddaughters, Lady Alda and Lady Mary Acheson, to join them at planchette."

"My mind was a blank. I was listening to the Duchess. After the girls and I had scratched about on the board for a little time, one of them took the paper and read out aloud:—'The Queen is dying.'"

"I looked closely at the paper and read distinctly out of a lot of hieroglyphics. 'The Queen is dying.'"

"LONDON GAZETTE" 2s.
The price of the London Gazette is now two shillings instead of 1s. 6d. which was the price for two and a half centuries.

COTTON DEALS.

A Summary Court Case.

In the Summary Court this morning, before His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, there came up for hearing the suit of the Tin "ai Han firm against the Min Fat Loong Koo firm for the recovery of \$560 for damages for breach of contract to accept and pay for goods. The particulars of the claim were as follows:—Price of 40 bales of No. 10 "Ying Mo" cotton yarn, sold under contract, at \$245 per bale, \$9,800; less amount paid for, 24 bales, \$5,880; credit at market price of 16 bales of No. 10 "Ying Mo" cotton yarn at \$210 per bale, \$3,360; difference \$560.

Mr. Crew appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. W. H. Drummond (instructed by Mr. H. C. Lee) for the defendants. Another suit was filed against the defendant firm by Tin Shun Hau firm for \$520 for damages for breach of contract to accept and pay for 16 bales of No. 10 "Ying Mo" cotton yarn.

Both suits were heard together. Mr. Crew said the two plaintiff firms were under joint management. Their head office was at Pakhoi. There were branches at Hongkong, Fatsan, Canton and Tosing. Twelve years ago the Hongkong branch was opened. The Wa On were their agents in Hongkong and the business is still carried on at the Wa On.

The owner of the business, examined, said that it was not true that the defendants made requests for the bales and for which the defendants were prepared to pay.

Mr. Crew:—The defendant said that he came to see you and that you told him that your firm had no goods to deliver—No such thing. Did you in fact have goods to deliver at that time?—Yes.

And if you delivered those goods would you have made a profit or a loss?—I would have made a profit.

Assuming that if you had no goods to deliver, could you buy them in the market?—Yes, I could. Prices were declining.

Cross-examined by Mr. Drummond, witness said that he wrote the two contracts out. The copy was put on by Tung Fung.

The Pinnis Judge:—It is an agreed fact, I take it, that this witness was in Hongkong during the whole of the sixth moon?—Yes.

Mr. Drummond:—I put it to you that you were here during the whole of the sixth moon and that you were manager of the firm. I put it to you that these requests for delivery orders were handed to you personally by a representative of the defendant firm?—No such thing. The witness said he received no letter from the defendants cancelling the contract.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 3s. 11 1/16d.

THE WEATHER.

2 p.m. Barometer:—30.07. Temperature:—67. Humidity:—70.

LIGHTING-UP TIME.

Lighting-up time to-day is 5.42 p.m.

DON'T FORGET.

To-day.

Theatre Royal—Warwick Comedy Co. present "The Case of Lady Camber"—9.15 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

To-morrow.

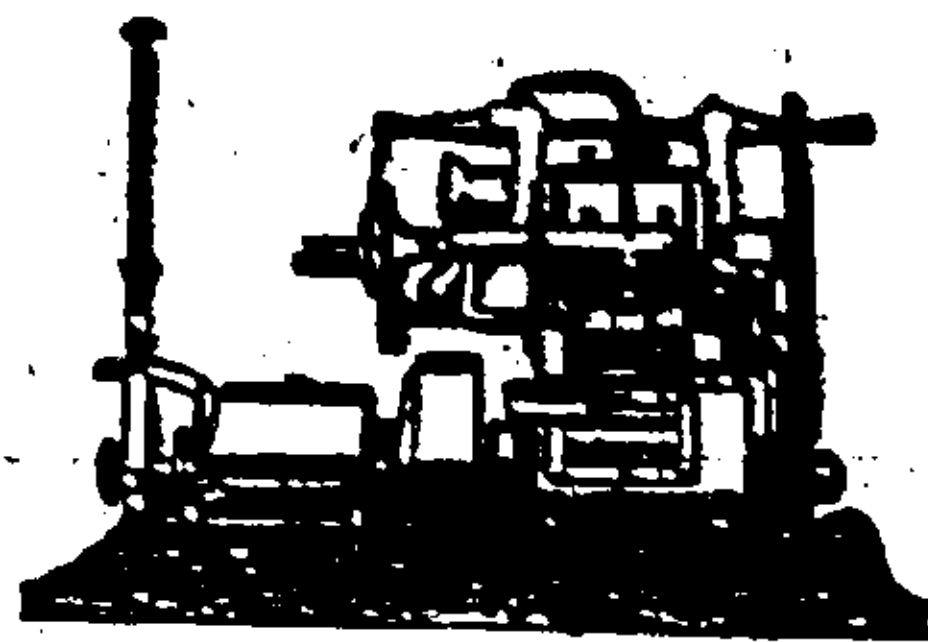
New Lusitano Club Foundation-stone laying ceremony by H. E. the Governor of Macao.—4 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

Saturday, December 18.

Club de Recreation—Garden party at H. E. the Governor of Macao.—5 p.m.

NOTICE



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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

Washington, Dec. 13.
The report of Mr. Daniels, Secretary to the Navy, presented to Congress, emphasizes that the immediate and outstanding duty of America is the provision of adequate shore bases on the Pacific. He proceeds to quote President Wilson, namely that the American Navy ought to be incomparably the most adequate Navy in the world. Mr. Daniels says he has worked steadily therefor, and the attainment of this object is now in sight. He states that America must be prepared to defend her interests against any combination. Consequently he approves of the recommendation of the General Board that Congress authorize another three year programme to begin as soon as the capital ships under construction have been completed. This development, however, would not be required if the Government would provide for an agreement for the Concert of Nations. The Secretary dwells on the effects of America's aloofness from the fraternising influences which have quickened the heart of the Old World and says it will mean that Dreadnought will be added to Dreadnought, and the United States will be cited as an example of national selfishness and retrogression.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Henry Norman, Mr. Lloyd George said the Imperial Defence Committee was beginning an investigation into the question of building new capital ships for the Navy immediately. The Board of the Admiralty, which would be represented on the Committee, would undoubtedly bring all the expert advice they could to aid the Committee. Civilian as well as Naval advice would be taken before a decision was reached.

SUPPLEMENTARY ARMY ESTIMATES.

London, Dec. 13.
The Supplementary Army Estimate shows estimated increased expenditure of £48,000,000, but this is reduced to £39,750,000 by "savings" partly due to the postponement of the formation of a Special Reserve of Militia and the fact that the Territorial Army will reach only half the figure hoped. It is stated that the Army has been increased from the anticipated figure of 214,000 to 236,000, "owing to the disturbed state of the world and the temporary shortage in our Reserved Forces." The estimate includes £1,500,000 for armoured lorries and cars for Ireland, and special measures for the welfare of the troops there. Mesopotamia and the Middle East, as a whole, are costing altogether £49,000,000 for the financial year, compared with £33,000,000 in the original estimates.

MARTIAL LAW IN IRELAND.

London, Dec. 13.
The Commander-in-Chief in Ireland has issued a proclamation in the counties under martial law, ordering the surrender of all arms, ammunition and explosives by 27th December. Thereafter anyone found in possession of same, or wearing, without authority, His Majesty's uniform or an imitation thereof, or aiding and abetting armed insurrectionists, will be liable to the death penalty.

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION BILL.

Washington, Dec. 13.
The House has passed the Immigration Restriction Bill with the amendment prohibiting all immigration for one year. The party leaders in the Senate predict that the Senate will reject the Bill.

GENERAL NEWS.

FATAL MINE EXPLOSION.
Jasper, Alberta, Nov. 23.—Six men were burned to death in the Parish mine, following an explosion to-day.—Reuter.

A SCOTTISH EXODUS?
"If Scotland goes over to Puseyfoot, will there not be plenty of vacant houses?" asked Capt. Terrell, amid laughter, in Parliament.

RUSSIAN PRISONS IN CHINESE ZONE.

It is stated officially from Peking that there will be no change in the Russian personnel of the Russian prisons in the Chinese Eastern zone, but the Chinese Government will give appointments.

LAST OF THE "SIX HUNDRED."
Mr. John Ashley Kilvert, J.P., who died recently aged 87, was believed to be the last of the Six Hundred. The hon. secretary of the 13th Hussars' Old Comrades Club states that Troop Sergeant Major E. Hughes, who was on the right of the front line in the famous charge, is still living, aged 91.

UNIVERSITIES AND EMPIRE.

The Secretary to the Colonies has appointed a committee to consider and report on what steps can be taken to secure the help of the Universities of Britain in carrying out research work which is essential to the protection of the inhabitants of the Colonies and protectorates from disease, and to the successful development of their veterinary, agricultural and mineral resources.

THE RIGHT OF CRITICISM.

Mlle. gues Borgo, of the Opera, has brought a libel action against the dramatic critic of *Comœdia* and the director and proprietor of this theatrical newspaper, which raises the whole question of the freedom of the Press as regards dramatic criticism. Mlle. Borgo claims 100,000 francs. According to Article 1382 of the *Code Civil*, no one is permitted to "pass the limits of honest, loyal, just, and well-considered criticism." Of this it is alleged the critic was guilty in the *Comœdia* of September 24.

GENERAL NEWS.

FIRST EDITION OF EVELINA.
A copy of the first edition of Frances Burney's "Evelina," in three volumes, original calf, 1779, realized 270 (Pickering and Chatto) at Messrs. Sotheby's.

JUROR FAINTS DURING MURDER TRIAL.
During a murder trial at Dorset Assizes a juror fainted. Another juror was sworn and the case recommenced.

REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN FUND.
Mr. Hays, Chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee, has issued an appeal for contributions to meet the deficit in the campaign fund of \$1,300,000.

TO LECTURE IN JAPAN.

Mr. A. Yokozeki, of the staff of the *Kaizo*, a Tokyo monthly, has arrived in Peking on a short visit. He has arranged with Professor Bertrand Russell, that the latter, after his visit to China, will go to Japan for one month in order to deliver a number of lectures in Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka under the auspices of the Tokyo magazine.

PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

M. Manuel Quezon, President of the Philippines Senate, in the course of a speech made in the Senate, declared: "We have legislated the Republics into a position where they can't deprive us of autonomy, regardless of the Harding Administration's attitude. Every Filipino agrees with me when I say that I prefer a Government run like hell by Philipinos to one like heaven by strangers."

FOLKESTONE'S AUTOGRAPH ALBUMS.

Ten autograph books kept during the war at the free refreshment buffet on Folkestone Harbour have been presented to the Town Council by Mrs. Napier. Statesmen, generals, admirals, ordinary sailors, and private soldiers signed their names in it, and included are the signatures of Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Milner, General Joffre, General Foch, Lord French, Field-Marshal Haig, M. Millerand, and M. Poincare.

BILLIARDS.

The Portuguese Triangular Tournament.

The presentation of the shield and medals to the winning team of the Portuguese Inter-Club Billiards Tournament, concluded recently, took place at the Catholic Union Club yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large number of ladies and members of the three Clubs (the Catholic Union Club, Club Lusitano and Club de Recreio) which competed in the tournament. The Catholic Union Club are the winners, this being the second occasion on which they have secured the shield.

The presentation was preceded by a tea-party, given in honour of the occasion, and the President and Committee of the Club are to be congratulated on the hospitable manner in which all the visitors were looked after. The hall, in which tea was served, was nicely adorned with flags and flowers, while the floor had been carefully prepared for dancing, which followed the presentation.

Before Miss Elfrida Osmund presented the shield and medals to the winning team, Mr. Osmund, the President of the Catholic Union Club, said:

Ladies and gentlemen, as President of the Catholic Union Club and of the Lusitano Billiards Association, it is my very pleasant duty to extend to all the ladies and gentlemen from the three Clubs a hearty welcome and to thank the ladies especially for the interest they have taken in the billiards tournament. On behalf of the members of the Association, I thank the Committee and the members of the Catholic Union Club for the loan of the hall for this occasion and Miss Elfrida Osmund for having consented to present the shield to the winning team, and the medals to the individual players. I also wish to express my appreciation of the kindness of the *Hongkong Telegraph* for the reservation of a space in their coming Saturday's issue for the photo of the winning team. (Hear, hear). As you are quite aware the Lusitano Billiards Association was founded in 1912 and the shield was first won by the Catholic Union Club, and after that each Club in turn had a share of glory. After 1914, and during the years of the Great War, the billiard tournament in connection with the shield was suspended owing to the exigencies caused by the work which the members of the Club were called upon to do for the Colony, and it was not until this present year that it was decided, at a meeting of the Lusitano Billiards Association, to carry on as had been done previously.

Mr. Osmund then drew the attention of those present to the results of the tournament, which showed that the Catholic Union Club won 24 matches out of 40, Club Lusitano was second with 19 wins, and Club de Recreio third with 17 wins. The aggregate scores of the Union Club were 9,238. The highest break (62), was made by A. J. Osmund, and the second highest was 43. Continuing Mr. Osmund said:—"It is hardly necessary for me to dwell upon the individual merits of the winning team except to say that the combination of the team was formidable. I think that the best of the three teams won. I say this impartially, being the President of the Billiards Association, but taking everything into consideration, they won with great credit. Apart from the highest break, I think the time occupied by one of the matches in the tournament of 250 up (three quarters of an hour) was a record in the history of the Club. As regards the losing teams, I would ask them to put their shoulders together in future so as to take the shield from the hands of the Catholic Union Club, but at the same time I am sure that the Catholic Union will do their utmost to retain the trophy. I congratulate the winning team on their success and thank Mr. Silva Netto for the prize which he presented for the highest break. I will now ask Miss Osmund to kindly present the prize."

Miss Osmund presented the shield and medals to the following: Messrs. A. J. Osmund, (Capt.), L. E. Remedios, E. L. Barros, F. M. Olorio, E. Guimaraes, L. A. Osmund, Alfred F. Remedios, A. C. Rosario and H. M. Xavier. Reserves: L. G. Lima, J. M. V. Ribeiro and V. Antonio. Mr. A. J. Osmund was awarded a tie pin for making the highest break.

After the presentation, most of those present participated in the dancing, music being supplied by two amateur orchestras composed of members of the Catholic Union Club.

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FEDERAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. v. NIPPON KISEN K. K.

British Government Interested.

The final hearing of the case of the Federal Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., of London, versus the Nippon Kisen Kaisha of Kobe, was concluded at the Kobe Chihō Saihansho on the morning of the 3rd instant.

This case is one of the largest which has ever been heard by the Japanese Courts and has created considerable interest by reason of the fact that the British Government is an interested party. Early in 1917 the Federal Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., was approached by his Britannic Majesty's Minister for Shipping with regard to the purchase of ships for war purposes in Japan, and that finally the Company, acting as Brokers for H.B.M. Government, placed building contracts for the purchase of four steamers with the Nippon Kisen Kaisha of Kobe, through their local Agents, Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., of Kobe. A sum of slightly more than two million eight hundred thousand yen (being 20 per cent. of the total purchase price) was paid to the Japanese Company on account; but the ships were never delivered. The contract price for the ships in each instance was £48 per ton.

Acting on the instructions of the British Minister for Shipping, Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., constantly pressed the Japanese Company for the quick delivery of the steamers; but finally after receipt of express instructions from London, cancelled the contracts and demanded the return of the

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money paid on account, with interest at 6 per cent. in accordance with the contracts. This was early in the year 1919 when the delivery dates and cancelling dates for all the steamers had long passed, but the building of none of these steamers had ever been commenced.

The market at that time having fallen, the Japanese Company refused to accept cancellation and also to return the money paid. Hence this suit, which has been before the Courts for the past six months.

The concluding stages were of considerable interest and were marked by the eloquent speech of Dr. S. Kishi, of Tokyo, who, with Mr. John Gadsby, the English Barrister of Tokyo, represented the Plaintiff Company. The Nippon Kisen Kaisha of Kobe were represented by Dr. Iwata Chuzo of Tokyo.

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INTERNATIONAL CREDIT SCHEMES.

Summary of Brussels Proceedings.

The International Financial Conference held at Brussels adopted the report of the commission on international credits. The report recapitulates the general considerations inspiring the conference and declares that its members were driven to the conclusion that no single system could alone satisfy the multiple needs of the various countries, and that they accordingly recommended the Council of the League of Nations to adopt the following measures:—

INTERNATIONAL CREDIT BONDS. An international body should be placed at the disposal of all States desiring resource to credit for the payment of essential imports, the States to announce the guarantees which they propose to give as security for such credit and to negotiate with the international body as to the conditions by which the guarantees should be regulated. The bonds issued under these guarantees would be used as collateral for credits destined to cover payment for merchandise.

The object of this plan is to furnish the various States with the means of helping their nationals to obtain commercial credits. A committee of financiers and business-men could be appointed by the Council of the League to draft a scheme along these lines.

The Commission also dealt with what are described as "definition" credits, that is, credits by virtue of which raw materials during successive stages of manufacture and treatment might serve as security for loans granted by the exporter or banker. The proceeds of the sale of the finished product are primarily to be devoted to the redemption of these credits. The fulfilment of the conditions under which this type of credit is made is expected to meet serious obstacles in a number of countries where legislation does not adequately protect the exporter during the various stages of importation, manufacture, re-exportation, and sale. The Commission proposes to recommend the Council of the League to call the attention of the Governments to this question, and to appoint a committee of experts to draft measures for embodying in legislative form by the interested countries for the solution of this difficulty.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE LEAGUE.

Apart from recommending the Council of the League to take these various proposals in hand with a view to their ultimate settlement, the Commission reports that it is of the opinion that the League of Nations would be rendering a useful service by pushing forward certain reforms and ensuring that methodical publicity be given to information calculated to facilitate credit operations.

Under this head the Commission recommends the advisability of progress in the unification of legislation in all countries dealing with bills of exchange and bills of lading; reciprocity in the treatment of branches of foreign banks in the various countries; the interchange of financial information; and investigation of the claims of the holders of bonds which have not yet been paid; measures for the protection of savings; an international understanding regarding securities which have been lost, stolen, or destroyed; the creation of an international chamber of compensation, and an agreement to remove the obstacles to international investments raised by surtaxes while at the same time ensuring that every taxpayer pays his exact quota of taxation.

During the discussions the Commission was impressed at every turn by the fact that almost all the proposals submitted to it required to some extent the intervention of the League of Nations.

The resolutions relating to public finance are in all cases in conformity with those already published, and deal with the balancing of budgets, the abandonment of all extraordinary expenditure of a non-productive character, the restriction of extraordinary expenditure of a productive kind, and the strict reduction of all expenses on armaments so far as such reduction is compatible with the maintenance of national security.

THE WASTE ON ARMAMENTS.

The passage dealing with armaments says that an examination of the situation disclosed by each of the States represented the average about 20 per cent. of national expenditure is still

earmarked for armaments and preparations for war.

The conference affirmed with emphasis that the world could not go on supporting such an expenditure and that it is only by a policy of complete and frank cooperation that the nations of the world can hope to regain their former prosperity. For such a restoration it is essential that all nations should employ the whole of their national wealth on expenditure of a strictly productive nature.

The conference therefore makes a formal request that the Council of the League of Nations shall confer as soon as possible with the Governments interested with the object of reaching an agreement for a general reduction in the crushing expenditure which, with armaments at their present level, has to be borne by the impoverished peoples of the world, and which is swallowing up their resources and imperilling the restoration of prosperity after the ravages of war. The conference expresses the hope that the forthcoming meeting of the Council of the League of Nations will take energetic measures to attain the desired result.

EXCHANGES AND INFLATION.

The resolution dealing with the question of exchanges declared it to be of the greatest importance that a limit be put in the growth of inflation. Governments must regulate their expenditure and revenue; the banks must be removed from all political influences, the increase in credits must come to an end, credit must not be extended except to satisfy the legitimate economic needs of business, trade must be quickly freed of all control, and all obstacles removed from international trade and all unnecessary expenditure avoided.

Further, it is desirable that countries should return to the gold standard, but the deflation must take place by degrees and with the utmost caution. The conference doubts whether any attempt to stabilise the value of gold could succeed. It does not believe in the utility of a system of international currency. All attempts to limit the fluctuation of exchanges by establishing artificial control of operations is vain and harmful.

The conference considers that a commission ought to be set up to continue to collect all useful financial statistics which have been laid before the present conference, and to pursue the study of the circulation of money.

RELEASE OF TRADE URGENT.

Dealing with the question of international commerce, the conference adopted resolutions, first, expressing confidence that the League of Nations would leave no stone unturned to ensure the complete and firm re-establishment of peace; secondly, affirming that any improvement in the financial situation depends in a large measure on the general re-establishment of a good understanding between the nations; thirdly, that it is desirable that each country should exert itself in gradually restoring the freedom of trade which existed before the war by abolishing in particular artificial restrictions and differentiations in price.

In its fourth resolution the conference expresses the conviction that the instability of the exchanges is of such a nature as gravely to impede the normal resumption of foreign trade.

In the fifth resolution the conference says it would welcome any steps that the League of Nations can take to enable countries which are not in a position at present to purchase the raw materials necessary for their reconstruction to obtain them by the grant of temporary trade credits on approved bases and earmarked for that particular object.

The seventh resolution expresses the conviction that in endeavouring to arrive at improved conditions a rational use of the transport system of the world is of vital importance for the re-establishment of international trade.

TO POORER NATIONS.

Referring to the question of international credits, the conference proposes, in order to enable those nations who are at present impoverished and helpless to obtain credits on reasonable conditions in the international markets, and to inspire confidence so that they may procure the resources to obtain their essential imports, an international commission should be set up, under the auspices of the League of Nations and be appointed by the Council of the League. After examining the actual material guarantees of commercial credits which might be granted by traders of

SHIPPING NEWS.

T.K.K.'S PORTS OF CALL.

With reference to the report regarding the projected elimination of the port of Nagasaki from the schedules of the T.K.K. boats, it is probable that the company will not, after all, cut out the Nagasaki call in favour of Dairen. The company proposes to make Dairen a port of call for two or three of its smaller steamers, however.

TWO NEW SUBSIDISED JAPANESE LINES.

It is stated that beginning on January 1 two new shipping lines, one to Shanghai and the other to northern ports, will be subsidised by the Japanese Government. The subsidy for the former is ¥215,000 and for the latter ¥117,000. The Shanghai line refers to a new fast passenger service which the N.Y.K. will open between Nagasaki and Shanghai.

MANCHESTER SHIP CANAL.

The Finance Committee of the Manchester City Council report that they have received a communication from the Manchester Ship Canal Company asking the consent of the Corporation to borrow £500,000, part of the £2,000,000—of which £550,000 has already been issued—authorised by the Ship Canal Finance Act, 1904. It was stated in the communication that during the war the expenditure by the company on capital works was necessarily almost entirely suspended, but at the present time various works are under construction and others have been decided on by the directors and must be proceeded with at an early date if the port is to remain in a position to deal with traffic. The shareholders have given consent. The Finance Committee recommend the City Council to give the necessary consent.

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SHIPS AS PRACTICE TARGETS.

The former German and Austrian vessels surrendered in accordance with the Peace Treaty have been placed in three categories: the first to be used, the second to be destroyed immediately, and the third to be employed for "propaganda," and not destroyed for perhaps a year, their use being restricted to the purposes of propaganda and experiment. The vessels of this last class which have been handed over to France include the former Austrian armoured cruiser Prinz Eugen, the cruiser Emden and the destroyers V. 46, V. 128 and V. 100. The Minister of Marine has decided that the former Austrian armoured cruiser Prinz Eugen will be utilised for experiments with aerial bombs and depth charges in place of the old coast-guard vessel Trenouart, which will be returned to the yards. Gunnery and fire-projection experiments will be made at Lorient with the Thüringen and bombing practice experiments at Brest with the Emden. As for the destroyers for which no special use has yet been found, these will be sold after all material, such as spare parts for the ex-enemy torpedo-boats which have been incorporated with the French Fleet, has been removed.

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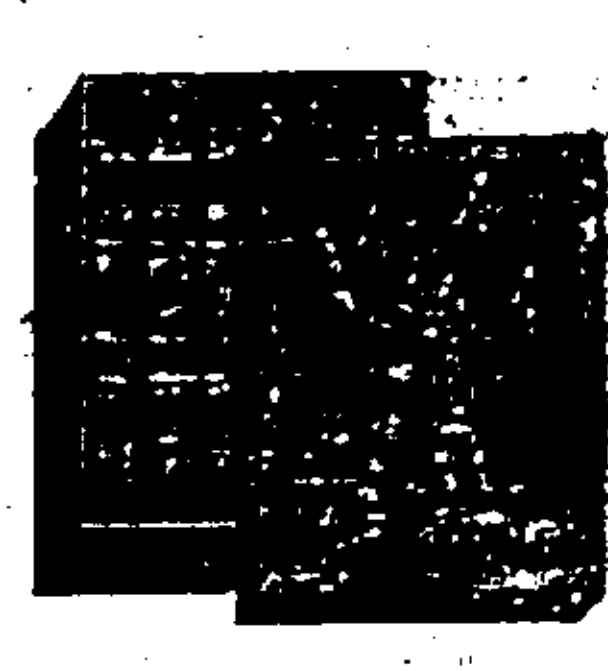
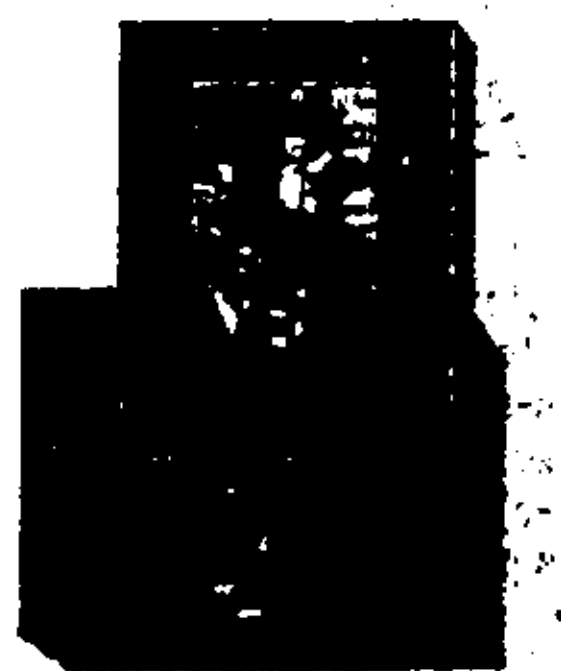
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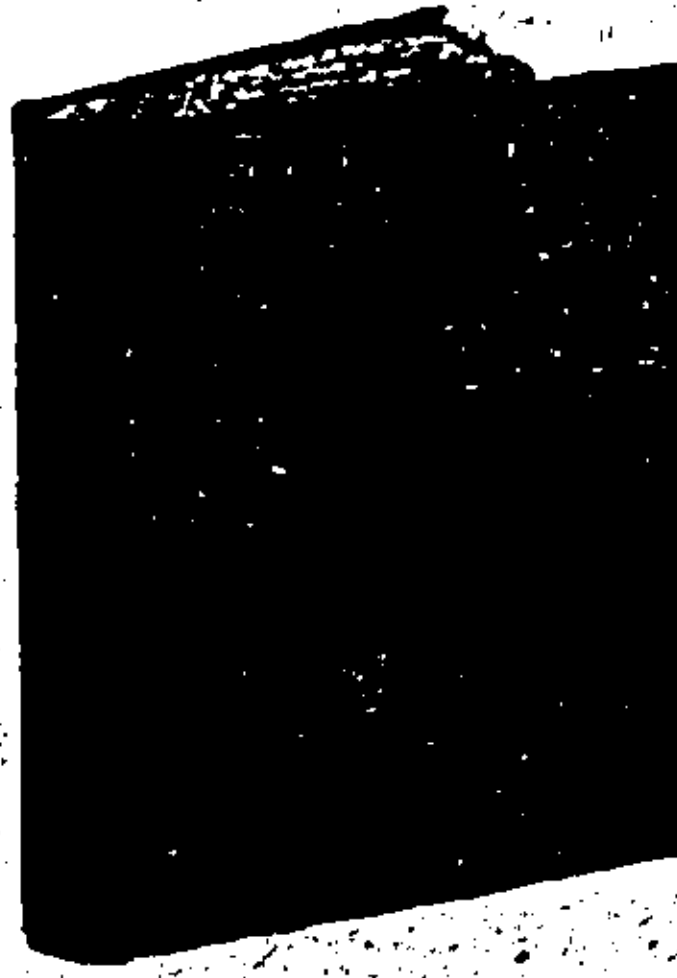
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New Zealand has reserved certain lands for purchase on easy terms by her own soldiers, but there is no settlement scheme for Imperials. These, like other emigrants, if duly approved, are given a free passage, and are guaranteed employment.

The record of Canada, which offers the same terms to ex-soldiers from Great Britain, is more advanced. Here, up to the present, 19,181 ex-Servicemen have been actually settled, of whom 7,750 received free grants. By means of loans, amounting in the aggregate to more than £15,000,000, other ex-soldiers have been enabled to purchase land to the value of £8,000,000; remove encumbrances, costing £430,000; effect improvements, entailing £1,740,000; and buy stock and equipment to the value of nearly £5,000,000.

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 22nd inst. by the C.O. Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claim will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 23rd December, will be subject to rent. No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO., United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation Managing Agents.

THE ADMIRAL LINE, 2nd Floor Hotel Mansions, Hongkong, 17th December, 1920.

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Dec. 17th.

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SATURDAY

Dec. 18th.

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NOTICE.

MADAME FLINT has arrived from Paris with a large assortment of Evening and Afternoon Gowns, Costumes, Capes, Millinery, Furs, etc. which we are marking off, and will be on show for the 15th of December.

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Sealed tenders should be lodged with Messrs Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., Calcutta. The tenders, which must be in sterling, will be opened at Calcutta on Monday, the 31st January, 1921, and must be valid for 14 days after that date.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
15 Strand Road,
CALCUTTA.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

A General Meeting of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will be held in Queen's College Room 9 on Monday evening December 20th at 5.30 p.m.

Business:—
To elect Office-Bearers.
To draw up Rules etc.
To draw up provisional programme of events.

Any other business.
You are earnestly requested to endeavour to be present and to inform any old boys of your acquaintance who are not already members.

JOHN C. FLETCHER,
Acting Secretary.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

G. R. NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1920, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Coombe Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lot	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing in Acres	Approximate Area in Acres	Approximate Price
1	At Coombe Road, in the Colony of Hongkong	100 feet by 100 feet	1.00	1.00	100

NOTICE.

A meeting of the Scottish Platoon of the H.K.V.D.C. and all others interested will be held at Volunteer Headquarters, Garden Road, at 5.30 p.m. on Friday 17th inst. for the purpose of discussing recruiting for the above unit, etc.

All Scotsmen interested are cordially invited to attend.
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LOST.

LOST.—On Tuesday evening a Diamond ring in the vicinity of Des Voeux Road. Finder will be handsomely rewarded, on returning to Mr. Gibson, H. M. S. Ambrose.

NOTICE.

LADIES RECREATION CLUB.
The Ladies Tennis Singles Open Championship Challenge Cup will be played for during January and February. Any lady may enter who is a member of any Tennis Club in the Colony. Names of intending competitors must be sent in to the Secretary of the Ladies Recreation Club through the Secretaries of their respective clubs not later than December 25th 1920, accompanied by their entrance fees of \$2. each.

DOROTHY DIGBY,

Hon. Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

No. S. 352.—It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Quarries", will be received at this Office until Noon on Monday, the 20th day of December, 1920, for the letting of the undermentioned Granite Quarries at Hongkong, Kowloon, and the New Territories, for one year or, as an alternative, for a period of 3 years from the 1st January, 1921.

Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum as stated in the schedule hereunder opposite to each quarry, as a pledge, of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions hereinafter contained, should the tender be accepted.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

Forms of tender can be obtained from the Director of Public Works.

PARTICULARS OF THE QUARRIES.

Quarry Lot No.	Approximate Area in Acres.	Upset Annual Crown Rent.	Deposit with tender.
Shaukiwan Nos. 3 and 4.	78.15	\$ 5,100	\$ 830
Hok Un No. 6.	8.44	4,100	700
Ma Tau Kok No. 8.	4.80	5,100	200
Jordan Road No. 10.	4.65	1,300	220
Ngau Tau Kok No. 6.	2.22	1,100	200
Ngau Tau Kok Nos. 1-5, 7, 8, 10, 19, 20, and 25.	10.80	2,600	350
Cha Kwo Liang Nos. 1-30.	24.56	2,400	400
Sai To Wan Nos. 1-16.	16.53	700	100
Lyemun Nos. 1-25.	26.44	2,600	460
Lyemun No. 26.	2.10	500	65
Ngau Tau Kok A/15 and A/17.	2.80	250	30
Ngau Tau Kok No. 26.	.56	200	30
Too Tee Wan No. 1.	1.84	200	30
Too Tee Wan No. 2.	1.84	200	30
Ah Kung Ngam No. 1.	1.90	750	100

The attention of the tenderers for Hok Un No. 6 is hereby drawn to the fact that the road between K.M.L. 53 and 69 will be completely closed and that it will not be available for conveyance of stone to junks after 31st December, 1920.

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"TEUCER"	1st Feb.	Vancouver
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"TYDEUS"	10th January.	
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From AMSTERDAM, HAM-
BURG, GENOA, CADIZ
AND COLOMBO.The Steamship
"BORNEO"

having arrived from the above
ports, consignees of cargo by her
are notified that all goods are
being landed at their risk into the
hazardous and/or extra-
hazardous godowns of the Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf &
Godown Co. Ltd., whence and/or
from the wharves delivery may
be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 15th,
December, 1920 will be subject to
rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged
packages are to be left in the
godowns, where they will be
examined on the 17th, December,
1920 at 10 a.m. by Messrs.
Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer
must be presented in writing
within ten days after arrival of
steamer, otherwise they will not
be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be
effected by the undersigned in any
case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
General Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1920.

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO., LTD.

S.S. "WEST NERIS."

From SAN FRANCISCO via
HONOLULU and MANILA.

The above mentioned vessel
having arrived from the above
mentioned ports, consignees of
cargo are hereby informed that
their cargo will be landed at their
risk into the Pacific Mail Steam-
ship Company's Godown at West
Point, and stored at Consignees'
risk.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified that they must pro-
duce an Import Permit signed by
the Superintendent of the Imports
and Exports Hongkong before
Bills of Lading can be counter-
signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged
goods are to be left in the God-
downs, where they will be exam-
ined on Dec. 20th at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented
within a week of the steamer's
arrival here, after which they
cannot be recognized.

No claim will be admitted after
the goods have left the Godowns,
and all goods remaining unde-
livered after Dec. 2nd will be
subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever
will be effected.

Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.,
Hotel Mansions.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship

"WOODRICHEM"

having arrived from New York
via ports, on 14th inst. consignees
are hereby notified that their
cargo is being landed at their risk
into the Hazardous and/or Extra-
hazardous Godowns of The Hong-
kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown
Co. Ltd., Nos. 15 & 17
Kennedy Town, Praya, Hong-
kong and stored at consignees'
risk.

Consignees of cargo must pro-
duce an Import permit signed by
the Superintendent of Imports and
Exports, Hongkong, before Bills
of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged
cargo is to be left in the Godowns
where it will be examined at 10
a.m. on 20th Dec. by the Com-
pany's Surveyors, Messrs. Carmi-
chael and Clarke.

All claims must be presented
within ten days of the
steamer's arrival here, after
which they cannot be recognized.
No claims will be recognized after
the goods have left the Godowns,
and cargo undelivered on and
after 20th Dec. will be subject to
rent.

No fire insurance whatever will
be effected.

Consignees are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature immediately.

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Hongkong, 14th December, 1920.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP

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From TRIESTE, VENIA,
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Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the God-
downs of the Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Com-
pany, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence,
and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forward-
ed unless notice to the contrary
be given before 13th inst.

No claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godowns,
and all Goods remaining unde-
livered after the 19th inst. or they
will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 29th inst.
or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the God-
downs, where they will be exam-
ined on the 18th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
signed by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 13th December, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

From LEITH, MID-LESBRO,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship

"BENRINNES"

Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the
hazardous and/or extra-hazardous
Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co.
Ltd., whence and/or from the
wharves delivery may be
obtained.

No Claims will be admitted
after the Goods have left the God-
downs, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 20th inst.
will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer
must be presented to the Under-
signed on or before the 27th
instant, or they will not be
recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged
Goods are to be left in the
Godowns, where they will be
examined on the 20th inst. at
10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been
effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-
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CHUCKLES.

What memories of wit and
oddity cling to Parliament House
and its precincts! The old
stories suggest that we have
fallen on humdrum times. Our
Senators move on a higher plane,
but the level is more uniform
and there is a lack of sharply
defined and picturesque person-
alities. When young Jeffrey
fresh from England, made a
motion before Lord Braxfield,
his lordship, resenting what he
regarded as affected pronuncia-
tion, grimly inquired of those at
the table: "Does any o' ye ken
what the young man wants?"
On another occasion Jeffrey de-
scribed his client as "an itinerant
violinist." "That means," re-
marked Braxfield, "a 'angel
fiddler, I suppose Mr. Jamfrey."

There was an interlude at King's
Cross station the other morning.
A venerable countryman dis-
embarked from a York and Don-
caster train and asked a fellow-
traveller the best way to Victoria.
The two entered in conversation.
"Your first visit to London?"
inquired the younger man.
"Not I was here forty years
ago."
"You will see a great change
now," remarked the Londoner.
"I don't think so," replied the
countryman. "It was raining
then."

It was Daniel O'Connell who
invented the famous "parallelo-
gram" retort. He made a bet
when a young barrister that he
would silence by the use of long-
sounding words, incomprehensible
to her, an old scold who kept a
stall near the Four Courts at
Dublin. He called her "a heart-
less old heptagon," a "convicted
perpendicular in petticoats," a
"circumscribed parallelogram,"
and many like words; and she
collapsed.

Overheard in Edinburgh on a
Saturday night:
Scene—Piper discoursing High-
land music. An Englishman and
a Scotsman were discussing the
quality of the music.
Englishman—"That's a h—of
a noise."
Scotsman—"Away, mon! That's
the finest music in the world."
Englishman—"Whats he play-
ing?"

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THE ORKNEYS.

How A U-Boat Was Sunk.

In the Prize Court the Pres-
ident, Sir Henry Duke, granted
£170 prize money to the officers,
and crew of the British submarine
C 27, under the command of
Commander C. C. Dobson, V.C.,
D.S.O., and the officers and crew
of the trawler Marie Jose, for the
sinking of the German submarine
U 23 on July 29, 1915, thirty
miles south east of Fair Island,
off the Orkneys.

Mr. Carmichael, in making the
application, said that the British
submarine was acting with the
trawler to trap the German sub-
marine, and the trawler was
manned by a crew unversed in
the arts of war before 1914. The
trawler had been located by
the German submarine, and
the British submarine was
working below the surface with
second hand information as to
what was going on above their
heads. The German submarine
was preparing to shell the trawler,
which had to remain steady to
receive punishment without re-
plying, as the slightest movement
would have created suspicion and
have scared the quarry away.

The British submarine then dis-
charged a torpedo, which found
its mark and destroyed the sub-
marine. Ten survivors were
taken prisoners. It was believed
that 34 persons were on board the
German submarine. The trawler
was under the command of Lieut.
M. Tarver, R.N.K.

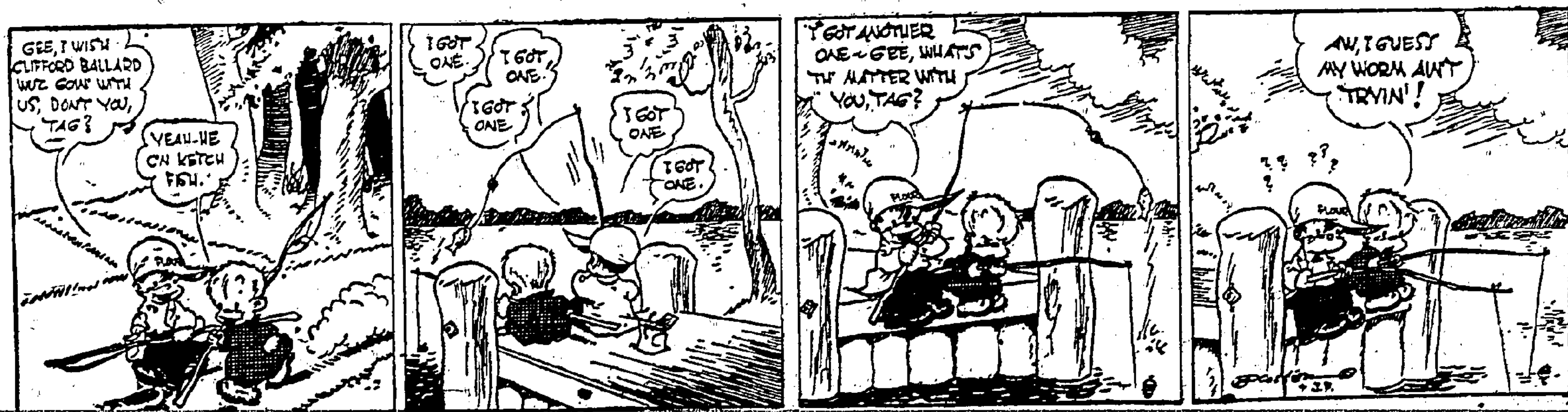
The President praised the work
of the British submarine and
said it showed that we were not
unequal to dealing with outrages
of this kind.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1920.

BOLSHEVISM IN THE ORIENT.

The question of a possible spread of Bolshevism ideas in the East is one of supreme importance in the present unsettled state of the world. It is common knowledge that the present political leaders in Russia set much store on the propagation of their doctrines throughout Asia, and much has been heard of late of the movements of their emissaries in this part of the world. There have been numerous reports of semi-official overtures to China, the view being held in some quarters that even the recent developments in the South have not been entirely dissociated from Russian influence. We know as a fact that Bolshevism has played an important part in the recent unrest in Persia and Mesopotamia, whilst in India and Afghanistan there has been ample evidence of Bolshevism intrigue.

One thing is certain, namely, that the East to-day is in a state of unrest and disturbance, in some places more pronounced than in others, but fairly general none the less. Even where there is no actual ferment apparent, indications are not wanting of restlessness beneath the surface. And according to one writer, Sirdar Iqbal Ali Shah, one country and one doctrine are mainly responsible for this state of affairs—that country is Russia, and that doctrine is Bolshevism. Commenting on recent happenings, this writer says that the British people are not naturally suspicious, or they might have evinced surprise at the fact that the arrival of M. Krassin in London some months ago coincided with the first Bolshevism landing in Persia. That that move was intended to provide the Soviet envoy with a strong argument to induce Great Britain to agree to Lenin's terms, in the hope of the withdrawal of what constituted a grave menace to India, cannot be doubted. The Soviet mission then in London added the bait of the evacuation of Persia to its promises to quit Polish soil, should an Anglo-Russian understanding be arrived at. But if British statesmanship agrees to any such terms on the strength of the representations made to it by the Soviet envoys, it is doomed to disappointment. Facts have proved it. Bolshevism activities will continue in Persia, whatever assurances as to their cessation may be given. The menace to India is obviously a condition of Soviet territorial and doctrinal extension. The hopes of Bolshevism are founded not only upon the acceptance of its principles in Europe, but upon the conversion of Asia to its peculiar economic creed. Czarist Russia in its last decades had become a great Moslem Power, exercising an Imperial sway over millions of Slavonic subjects. Bolshevism, notwithstanding its alleged beneficent attitude to races formerly subject to Russia, cannot forego the advantages or lessen the authority of its predecessors only for economic reasons. Between a constitutional Europe and an Islamic Asia its political and economic existence would become impossible. Asia represents its line of least resistance, its surest hope. It will not withdraw therefrom while it continues to exist.

These words are worth pondering over at the present time, and they naturally raise the question as to whether Britain is fully alive to the situation. There are those who hold that if we fail to implement our promises to the Governments of the Shah, the Khan of Bokhara, and the Amir of Afghanistan, then we shall not only add them to the list of Oriental peoples who have lost faith in us, but jeopardise our own position in the East, and lay ourselves open to the risk of a Bolshevism adventure in India—certainly of Bolshevism conspiracy there. If the eyes of our statesmen are open to the true nature of the crisis with which they have to deal, disaster may be averted. Otherwise, the spread of revolutionary ideas in the East, and especially in the parts with which we have closer interests, may continue, with the result that will be apparent to everyone of ordinary capacity. Bolshevism is a dangerous doctrine, spread in the most insidious manner by those who want to bring about a proletariat dictatorship. It is served up in attractive form for consumption by the labouring classes, to whom its promises of almost unlimited leisure and an equal share of the world's wealth is apt to make a strong appeal. That is where the danger comes in the Orient: there is so much ignorance that can be played upon. So the leading nations of the world have a duty incumbent upon them of offsetting these madcap ideas. It is for them to provide the corrective of better and saner cultural conceptions. That is their rightful mission in these days of almost worldwide restlessness and agitation.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

The Customs Squabble.

The possibility of Canton and other Southern ports acquiring a duty-free status is foreshadowed in a report which we published yesterday. It is not on economic grounds that this step is suggested, but merely in order to prevent the Peking Government securing the Southern portion of the Customs collections. Here it may be well to explain that the Peking Government handles the Customs revenue from the whole country, Canton included, and that until recently the South had a proportion thereof remitted back for its use. Now, however, Peking keeps the lot, and it is this circumstance which has given rise to the idea that the South should contribute no part of the revenues utilised by the North, by the simple process of ceasing to impose or collect any Customs duties whatever. That would create a most unusual situation, and one which would obviously have to be taken note of by foreign nations in more respects than one. It is of interest to mention, in this connection, that if the South has a complaint against the North so far as the Customs revenues are concerned, Peking has a grievance against Canton in regard to the Salt Gabelle collection. The South retains for its own use, after paying running expenses, the whole of the salt revenues it collects, whereas the North pays the foreign obligations not only in respect of its own incomes but also for the South as well. That is a point that should not be lost sight of when Canton talks of getting its own back on Peking. Of course, the whole business is a hopeless muddle, and it won't be straightened out until a complete understanding is reached between the Northern and Southern factions.

Alternating Tones.

During the Election, orator Senator Harding had plenty of practice in trimming his sails to meet the breezes and squalls of faction. Whatever is the opinion of the United States as a whole in regard to the League of Nations, the body of opinion in its favour was obviously too large to be flatly ignored, so the Republican candidate supported the League on conditions, whereas Senator Borah, frowning darkly, retired sulkily to his tent. This Achillean stunt had its effect, for after the Republican candidate had declared his indifference to the Borah posture, he evidently changed his mind about offending such an important "boss," and pirouetted around the League question. Then, after election, he declared that his humping majority denoted that the American people would have no dealings with the League, but were well disposed towards an Association of Nations. The President-elect is now giving an exhibition of the all-things-to-all-men oratory to a still wider audience, for when he speaks of American supremacy he is addressing the world. In a speech the other day he intimated that his policy was to "make the United States the greatest maritime Power." Perhaps the President-elect would answer that he meant, commercially, as he alluded to the Mercantile Marine as well as the Navy—or, likely enough, he would answer that he meant both. From another speech, delivered the following day, it is sufficiently clear that he had the Navy in mind, whatever his intention regarding the merchant service, since he expressed his desire for a Navy proportionate to the country's "aspirations." The word must have reference, logically, to political aspirations, seeing that expansion of armaments could not well be brought under the heading of moral aspirations; and the political aspirations of the United States in the direction of the largest Fleet in the world have been freely trumpeted. With an eye to other countries and the pacifist elements in his own, Senator Harding couples to this declaration a reference to "until the reduction of armaments has been achieved." Again, the President-elect expresses the hope that an international peace agreement will be concluded—here his eyes are still upon the peace party; but the optic now veering back to the Big Fleet supporters) this must be without "sacrifice of nationality." We confess that we can make little of all this but a sorry gerry-mandering with words. How is enormous naval expansion, at a time too when disarmament is being discussed officially, going to help the latter process? With regard to "sacrifice of national-

DAY BY DAY.

MOST FAILURES LIE IN NOT GOING ON LONG ENOUGH.—Jas. Smetham.

Once again there was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

By the Andre Lobon there arrived yesterday Sir Paul Chater and Mr. C. S. Gubbay.

The old Lusitano Club building has been sold to a Chinese resident at a price, we understand, of \$60,000.

Amongst those returning by the Andre Lobon yesterday were Mrs. T. W. Robertson and daughter, and Mr. J. J. Knott.

The opening ceremony of the Chinese Medical Association of Hongkong takes place to-day at the Tai Ping Theatre, West Point.

The Hongkong Mercantile Company, which suffered heavy losses recently over the fall in the rice-market and exchange, is announced as being in voluntary liquidation.

A Japanese from Honolulu who was arrested by a lunkang at Wanchai with 3½ tael of non-Government prepared opium on his person, was this morning sentenced to a fine of \$260, with the corresponding option of imprisonment, in spite of his excuse that he was given the opium to bring into the Colony by a friend at Honolulu.

Two thieves engaged on a mission of appropriating the iron chains used for mooring lighters alongside Holt's wharf were yesterday faced with a difficult proposition. To steal the heavy chains and conceal them round their waists was a difficult task, but to escape the vigilance of a sharp-eyed watchman and a tallyman was a more difficult matter still. In this they failed, and were arrested. One of them had sufficient presence of mind to drop the chain he stole into the harbour, but the other was caught with the other chain on him. Both men were brought before Mr. G. N. Orme at the Magistracy this morning, when Mr. D. J. Lewis intimated that he would conduct the case for the prosecution. Evidence was heard, as a result of which the first prisoner, against whom a previous conviction was proved, was sentenced to three months' hard labour and four hours' stocks. His accomplice was got off more cheaply, a sentence of only six weeks' being inflicted.

France's Recovery.

The figures relative to the economic recovery of France that have lately appeared bear striking testimony to the recuperative powers of our Gallic friends. An enormous advance in exports is recorded, amounting to over 150 per cent. in terms of value, and to a much higher percentage still in terms of weight. As the increase of imports has been on quite a moderate scale, the "balance of trade" has been improved in a remarkable degree. The achievement is nothing less than phenomenal, as anybody who saw the north-east of France after the German onrush in the spring of 1918 will realise, whole towns being razed so entirely that a stranger could not have credited them as the sites of prosperous communities. The greatest surprise is in the recovery made by the coal-mines after their ruthless destruction. In the days following the cessation of hostilities experts gauged that for years the output of the mines would be fractional. Although nowhere near the pre-war scale, this industry has already regained substantial dimensions, thanks largely to the help of Alsace-Lorraine, which provinces, we are told by the ex-Minister of Finance, will soon give France "second place amongst the iron and steel producing countries immediately after the United States and far ahead of other European countries." After the war of 1870-71 France, the vanquished, proved her powers of recuperation; now, as victor, she has had a heavier task, and is proving equal to it.

ROSEMARY AND RUE.

(By "Tony.")

BENEVOLENCE.
A report by cable states that my Lord Inchope, in discussing steamer fares at a P. & O. meeting in London, said they were carrying passengers below cost. By the shade of Washington, does he include in his estimate the purchase of the steamer they travel by?

"WHAT THE EYE DON'T SEE."
A contemporary, in a leading article the other day, attacked the private hotels for their high tariffs among other things. From that it drifted easily to a comparison of the price of eggs in Hongkong and other countries, lauding the Chinese egg on account of its cheapness. But it did not stay to consider the comparison of sizes. Any self-respecting American or Australian hen would tuck its head under its wing in very shame to be the creator of such a miserable little article. And what is more, we would cheerfully pay the price for a good breakfast egg that we could attack with vigour and without the customary shudder. For we never know in China what the hens have eaten to pass on to us for breakfast.

CRITIQUE.
Sketches, oils, water colours, miniatures decorated the walls of the City Hall. Colours, violent or subdued, according to the fancy of the artist, met one's eye in a riot of paint. Every imaginable kind of drawing was hung there, good, bad and indifferent. An occasional picture stood out from among its companions in its fine execution and naturalness, both in colour and perspective. Others there were that caused one to goggle and frown in an endeavour to pick out the least bit of merit; while some monstrous daubs gave one the impression that the artist had attacked the canvas in a frenzy of indiscriminate paint splashing, and no matter at what angle or distance one surveyed the effort the effect was the same. One in particular left one in a maze of indecision as to whether it was intended to be a firework display or an intensely rich plum pudding studded with yellow raisins.

Here and there a love of a picture held the eye like a gem in a bauble; and it compensated largely for those that must be classed as crude, and labelled, like the manuscript of the young and aspiring dramatist, "N. G." However, as it takes all kinds of people to make a world, so does it take a variety of pictures to make an exhibition. Credit is due to those who gained approval and to those who braved the critics (and quite right too) in order to make the Exhibition possible.

ROMANCE.
Romance is coming to Hongkong. Not the kind which induces you to think in terms of love and passion, for it is already here; but a play, the one that added lustre to the reputation of Doris Keene. And so you may, perchance, take a seat at the Theatre on Christmas Day and lose yourself in the romance of fiction. Cynics incline to the belief that it is seldom seen in real life. But make no mistake. Romance there is, and plenty, even in Hongkong, if you care to delve beneath its frigid exterior and go the right way to work to find it. All the conceit and superciliousness of those poor mortals living so artificially, cannot stay the hand of Nature. Hence the little intrigues and the breath of Romance which occasionally touches those who almost unconsciously revolt against the curbing of their natural desires.

You watch the strangers passing by:
The frosty look and the roving eye
That seldom meets yours straight and bold;
You wonder why they seem so cold,
With never a friendly smile or nod,
Or the hearty laugh—that gift of God.
And wondering you think as you turn away,
"Were ever they children; did ever they play
The joyous games that we used to love;
The playful blow, the vigorous shove,
And the cries and shouts that rang aloud?
Oh, what is wrong with this joyless crowd?
But some of the hearts of the passers by
Hold laughter and tears—sometimes a sigh
For the sweet Romance they must conceal."

JUBILEE ROAD.

Temporarily Closed to Traffic.

We are requested by the Traffic Inspector to state that Victoria Road (commonly known as Jubilee Road) will be closed to traffic from the 17th instant, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, until further notice.

The reason for this is that a new road from Pokfulam Road to Victoria Road is being made, and big blasting operations will take place in connection therewith. Notice boards indicating the closing of the road will be displayed.

THE HOME MAIL.

Altered Date of Arrival.

We have to revert to the question of a Home mail again, because of a fresh announcement on the part of the Post Office. Yesterday it was announced that the next Home mail would be arriving by the s.s. Knight Templar on December 17, but this morning's mail notices in the newspapers showed that the s.s. Hon Wan I would be bringing the mail on December 20.

The explanation is that the Singapore postal authorities advised the local office that the Knight Templar would be bringing the mail and later a further cable was received giving the name of the Hon Wan I. The Hongkong Postmaster General then cabled Singapore for clearer instructions, and a reply has been received showing that the Knight Templar has on board the mail for China and also newspapers for Hongkong, and that the Hon Wan I has the letter mail for this Colony.

Hongkong letters are sent to Singapore in Singapore mail bags and they are there sorted and sent on here, this procedure being adopted in order that Hongkong letters shall get the benefit of the mail train that runs from Penang to Singapore. In the present instance the Knight Templar has brought the newspaper mail direct from Bombay and the Hon Wan I is carrying on the letter mail from Singapore.

There is no question of blame in the present alteration.

And the tender sentiments that they feel.
For they're in the grip of the social crowd:
Haughty, arrogant, foolishly proud.
But Romance defies all the social bands;
And here and there with its fairy hands,
It touches the lives of the fortunate few.
What joy is yours if it should be yours!

MEMORIAL.
There is an old conservative idea that to perpetuate a memory is to erect a statue. If a man has become famous, make an effigy of him. It is all wrong. Nobody cares much for monuments. Nelson's monument is not noticed one whit as much as the Hotel Cecil. Its plinth was only written of and illustrated in the Press because it became a platform for War speakers and Suffragettes. Cleopatra's Needle survived many centuries to be erected on the Thames Embankment and only passing notice taken of it when a German raider dropped a bomb and chipped a piece out of it. Monuments are all wrong. They seldom aid the memory. A pub is far more likely to revive thoughts of old pals by reason of old associations, than a block of marble, however simple. We need to reach the mind through the living, and to do so we must touch them by human methods. That is why I think the proposed Memorial is a failure from the very beginning. The idea of a building where men may gather together to talk of the great past when men gave up their lives for England, will render their memories far more sacred. For so long as tongues can tell of past deeds so long will the dear dead be remembered. The minds of those who have been there will be quickened by Y.M.C.A. associations; and those whom circumstances left behind may hearthings they would otherwise never hope to hear. True thoughts would be expressed there; that all the effigies in Statue Square or anywhere else, could never inspire. The finest site! To the minds of many the finest sight would be to see living men in their moments of enjoyment memorialise their dead friends; who, if they can see (and who knows) will appreciate this memorial that must lead to thoughts of the past.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Mr. George R. Sims, who sent a rhymed apology for absence from the Optimist Club annual dinner, the other night, scored better than Mr. George Bernard Shaw on one occasion. Lady Randolph Churchill had invited him to lunch; and "G. R. S." replied by wire to the following effect:—"Certainly, not! What have I done to provoke such an attack on my well-known habit?" To which her Ladyship promptly replied:—"Know nothing of your habits. Hope they are not as bad as your manners."

It is just 30 years ago since Heligoland was handed over by Great Britain to Germany. Under the British flag it was a quiet summer resort, inhabited mainly by fishermen. The Fatherland spent rather more than 120,000,000 marks in fortifying it, and is now spending nearly 500,000 marks a week in demolishing, under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, the tremendous fortifications which were built there. Fourteen hundred workmen are engaged in the work. Eighty-one years ago, when the island belonged to Great Britain, a Breslau professor, Hoffmann von Fallersleben, lived in a little villa there, a political exile from his country and it was in that house, that he wrote "Deutschland ueber Alles."

A life of tragedy closed at Zurich with the passing of the Grand Duchess Marie Alexandrovna of Russia, born in 1853, the married Prince Alfred, the second son of Queen Victoria, in 1874. He was then Duke of Edinburgh and afterwards succeeded his uncle as Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha. The Duchess's father, Tsar Alexander II., was assassinated in 1881, her brother Sergei was assassinated in 1905, her brother Paul died at the hands of the Bolsheviks in 1919, and Nicholas II., her nephew, was murdered in 1918. Alfred, the only son of the marriage, died in 1899, and the Duchess became a widow a year later. She herself died in exile, a fate shared by two of her daughters who married minor European royales.

A good deal of surface mining is taking place in and around Sheffield, and near Sky Edge, on the east side of the city, miners have come across a long passage. Tradition has it that when Mary Queen of Scots was a prisoner at Sheffield Castle, a subterranean passage ran from the Castle to the Manor House. Many passages have been discovered from time to time, but the latest find is one of the most interesting. Men were digging on the edge of Barnsley seam when they made the discovery. The passage is in line with the route the secret way to the Manor House was supposed to take, and Mr. J. Ryder, the Sheffield collier artist, who has made a study of local history, is of opinion that this is part of the passage of Queen Mary's days. It was explored for about 40 yards. The sides are formed of well-dressed rocks, and the smooth arch roof is about 6ft. high. Bad air and coal gas will prevent it being properly examined, but local archaeologists will probably make another attempt later. A similar passage was discovered when the new Post Office was being erected, and that was on the same line of route.

The Bodleian Library, which has just received a welcome gift of £50,000 from Mr. Walter Morrison, was originally conducted on a very modest scale of expenditure, even allowing for the great difference in the value of money. When Sir Thomas Bodley, in 1601, appointed Dr. Thomas James, a Welshman from New College, to be his first librarian, he stipulated that the salary should be £22, 13s. 4d., and that the librarian must remain unmarried. But in the following year Dr. James insisted on getting married, and also demanded that his stipend should be increased to £40. Bodley permitted him to marry and retain his office at the increased salary, but for 200 years afterwards the librarianship was not allowed to be held by a married man. The special indulgence shown to the first librarian was possibly in some measure due to the ardent zeal which Dr. James displayed in enriching the new library with valuable manuscripts, some of which he seems to have abstracted from college libraries which he had been employed to catalogue.

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FORGOTTEN WILL.

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The story of the will of Mr. Arthur Ernest Lawley, of Hilston Park, Monmouth, formerly of Hazeldene, Timperley, Cheshire, which was discovered nearly 15 years after it was made, was told to a reporter at the Manchester offices of the family solicitors.

Mr. Lawley died in May, and left estate of the gross value of £368,716. He was believed to have died intestate, and a grant of administration was issued to his widow.

During the proceedings a Manchester solicitor noticed the name, and remembered that for more than 14 years he had had a will bearing that name in his safe. It had been made shortly after Mr. Lawley's marriage, when he was comparatively

young and of moderate means. By it his father (who predeceased him) and Mr. Frederick Plews were appointed executors.

Nothing was known of this will by the family solicitors, and it is probable that Mr. Lawley himself had forgotten all about it.

Mr. Plews, however, renounced probate, and letters of administration with the will annexed have accordingly been granted to Mrs. Lawley.

By this will he left to his wife £60 and his household and personal effects absolutely, together with an annuity during widowhood of £250, or in the event of her remarriage a life annuity of £75, and all other property to his father, who, as stated, has predeceased him.

REPATRIATED POLES.

A party of 1,350 Poles and Letts, civilians and troops repatriated from Siberia has reached Plymouth on their way to Danzig.

WHERE DO CROWN JEWELS GO IN WAR TIME?

Stories and the Simple Secret.

Where did the Crown Jewels go in war time?

They were taken out of London for safety; but they were not hidden in any of the romantic ways imagined by the romancers of the period.

The real truth about the guarding of the Crown Jewels against German bombs, as revealed by Major-General Sir George Young, K.C.M.G., the Keeper of the Jewel House in the Tower of London, seems, indeed, tame compared with the imaginative efforts of people who "really knew" that the jewels were—

1. Sunk in the Thames off the Tower.
2. In a specially-constructed concrete vault at Bath.
3. In a castle in Cornwall.
4. Hidden in a remote district in Cumberland.

THE QUIET REMOVAL TO WINDSOR.

Sir George Younghusband explains in his fascinating book, "The Jewel House" (published to-day, Herbert Jenkins, 15s.), that after four bombs had dropped unpleasantly near the Tower it was decided that the jewels would be safer a little way out of London.

TALE OF TROOPS AND MACHINE-GUNS.

Therefore, one day, "a Royal car drove into the Tower and up to the Jewel House. Into it the more important and valuable portions of the Regalia, already packed in their own cases, were handed. It was all a matter of a few minutes, and then the car drove away to Windsor Castle, and there deposited the jewels in a secure place."

So simple; much too simple a story for the rumour-mongers, who set to work to invent something more picturesque. Sir George, with a chuckle, recalls some of their best efforts.

The fact that the jewels, during their retirement at Windsor, got a little damp, was possibly responsible, he suggests, for the story that they had been sunk in the Thames, opposite the Tower for many months. Anyone who did not believe this had the choice of two or three other wonderful stories:—

One inspired person mentioned that from certain information he had received a castle in Cornwall had been secretly acquired, and that the jewels had been taken there at dead of night. He added that in front of the jewel train, and behind it, were two other trains, full of troops, police, detectives, machine-guns, and what not.

This was outdone by some ingenious person who, on no better ground, apparently, than that the Keeper of the Jewel House had been at Bath, taking the waters, told his confidants that—

For the past eight months a deep and secret vault, lined throughout with concrete, had been excavated at Bath, and that the jewels were now safely deposited there.

PENNY DREADFUL HOME-COMING.

The choice of Cumberland as another supposed hiding-place for the jewels was apparently due to the fact that the late Keeper of the Jewel House, Sir Arthur Wynne, had settled in that county.

But if the romancers were disappointed to learn that the jewels were no farther away than Windsor, they made the most of the possibilities of real romance about the return of the Regalia.

Again, someone "in the know" provided a really picturesque picture of the homecoming. Sir George quotes one account of the desperate business:—

At dead of night two officers of the Grenadier Guards, dressed in frock-coats with silk hats, and each carrying an automatic pistol, drove up to the secret hiding place in a closed motor-car. With them were two detectives also in civilian clothes, but with bowler hats. They, too, were armed with automatic pistols. Beside the military chauffeur, dressed in khaki, sat another soldier with his loaded rifle at the "present."

In a few seconds the Crown Jewels were transferred from the secret strong-room to the car by two officers, whilst the detectives stood tensely at the alert, their pistols cocked. In a few minutes all was ready, and the car, sharply wheeling on the gravel, sped at the rate of forty miles an hour to the Tower of London.

WHAT THIEVES MAY EXPECT.

After reading this beautiful imaginative effort it is really

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

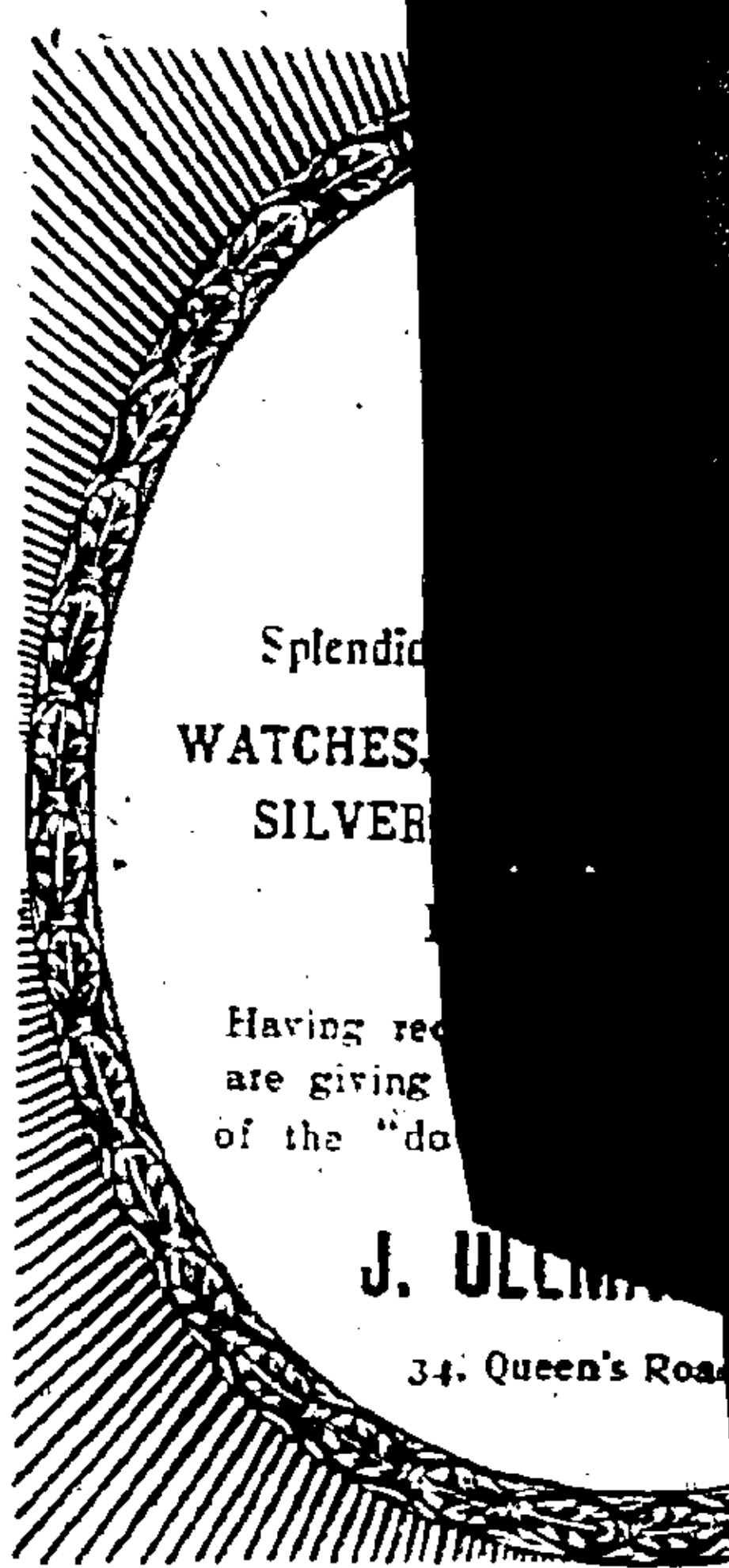
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rather disappointing to learn that the return of the Regalia was no more thrilling a business than its departure. Sir George might have left the romancers one detective, even if he could not admit to officers in silk hats.

No doubt the jewels were adequately guarded, whether by silk-hatted subalterns or bowler-hatted detectives; though they could not be as completely protected as in the Jewel House, where, according to Sir George, there are such scientific safeguards that "the inept or, indeed, the expert, thief may certainly count on being guillotined or electrocuted if he makes the attempt to emulate Colonel Blood's adventure."

This opens up horrible possibilities to the burglars, who, known by sight to the warders of the Jewel House, have been seen with their noses pressed against the bars, wondering how they could get hold of the crowns of the King and Queen, the Orb, the Sceptre, or any of the glittering treasures. Even one of the smaller crowns would be enough to set a burglar up for life.

At some time when the jewels were less carefully guarded, some daring person found it possible to tamper with the King's crown, and substitute an imitation for a magnificent aquamarine, which figured first in the crown of King James II.

THE MISSING SWORD OF STATE.

Many historians, says Sir George Younghusband, mentioned this stone with speechless admiration; but under the examination of a more expert and critical eye the aquamarine proved to be nothing more valuable than a ball of coloured glass. And where is the original stone to-day?

It was a disconcerting discovery; but not more so than the discovery, during the reign of Queen Victoria, that the Sword of State was lost. For decades the priceless weapon was missing, and then one day it was accidentally discovered at the back of a disused cupboard.

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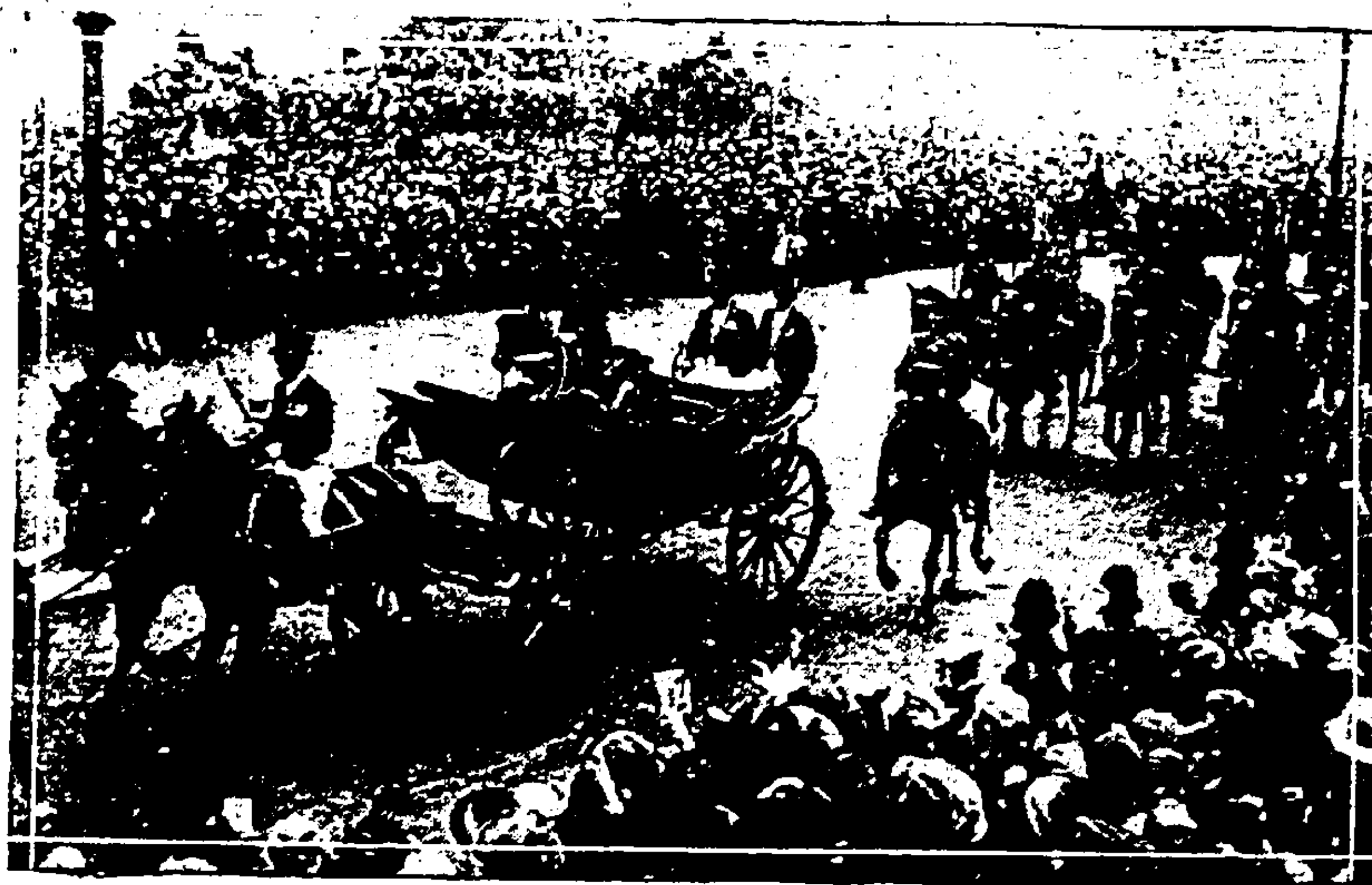


CAMERA NEWS



MR. AND MRS. LLOYD GEORGE.

Photographed at Euston Station, London, before their recent trip to North Wales.



'PRINCE OF WALES' WELCOME HOME.

On his return to England from a 45,000 mile tour of the British Empire on the battleship Renown, H. R. H. received a wonderful reception both at Portsmouth and London. An immense crowd in the Mall cheered the Prince to the echo as he passed through on his way to the palace.

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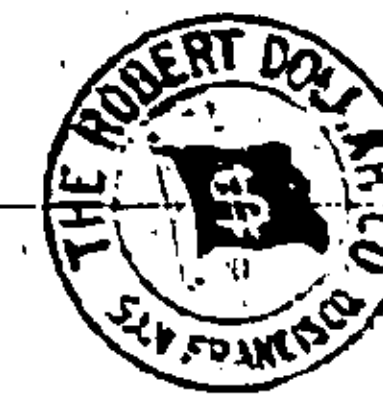
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Cactus	S. & D.	Dec. 18
C. of Berkeley	A. L.	Dec. 18
Devanah	P. & O.	Dec. 19
Alchiba	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 20
L. Farrar	R. D. Co.	Dec. 20
Pyrrhus	B. & S.	Dec. 21
Tango M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 22
Demodocus	B. & S.	Dec. 24
W. Carmona	S. & D.	Dec. 25
Eurana	S. & D.	Dec. 25
Katori M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Delight	F. W. Co.	Dec. 27
Awa M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 28
Tanda	P. & O.	Dec. 29
Iyo M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 29
Nagano M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 29
Tyndarus	B. & S.	Dec. 30
Romeo	B. L.	Dec. 30
Siberia M.	T. K. K.	Dec. 31
St. Albans	P. & O.	Dec. 31
Sicilia	P. & O.	Jan. 1
Crosskeys	A. L.	Jan. 1
Montague	A. L.	Jan. 1
Taiyuan	B. & S.	Jan. 2
Rhusus	B. & S.	Jan. 4
Bolton	C. & D. Co.	Jan. 6
C. of Agta	B. L.	Jan. 7
Atsuta M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 7
Bremen	P. & O.	Jan. 10
Tydeus	B. & S.	Jan. 10
W. Jester	F. W. Co.	Jan. 10
Hector	B. L.	Jan. 11
Machao	B. & S.	Jan. 11
Dilwara	P. & O.	Jan. 11
Nanking	C. M. Co.	Jan. 12
Hwah Ping	C. A. Co.	Jan. 13
Laomedon	B. & S.	Jan. 13
Tenyo M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 14
Kiyo M.	T. K. K.	Jan. 15
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Gleptara	J. M. Co.	Jan. 18
Bellerophon	B. & S.	Jan. 19
Tajima M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 20
Esther D.	R. D. Co.	Jan. 20
Borneo	J. C. J. L.	Jan. 21
Shidzuoka M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 21
Edmore	A. L.	Jan. 24
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Kashima M.	N. Y. K.	Jan. 26
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Teucer	B. & S.	Feb. 1
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Foohsing	J. M. Co.	Dec. 16
G. Apar	P. & O.	Dec. 17
Yuensang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 17
Nikko M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 17
Vingchow	B. & S.	Dec. 18
Wingsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 19
Chaksang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 21
Koonshing	J. M. Co.	Dec. 21
Szechuen	B. & S.	Dec. 21
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Tokushima M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 21
Huichow	B. & S.	Dec. 21
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Plassy	P. & O.	Dec. 23
Kumsang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 23
Sinkiang	J. M. Co.	Dec. 23
Tjiki	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 24
Kaga M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 24
Haiyang	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 24
Banca	P. & O.	Dec. 25
Katsu M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 26
Haiching	D. L. Co.	Dec. 27
Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 28
Tjibodas	J. C. J. L.	Dec. 28
Dilwara	P. & O.	Dec. 29
Yeboshi M.	N. Y. K.	Dec. 30
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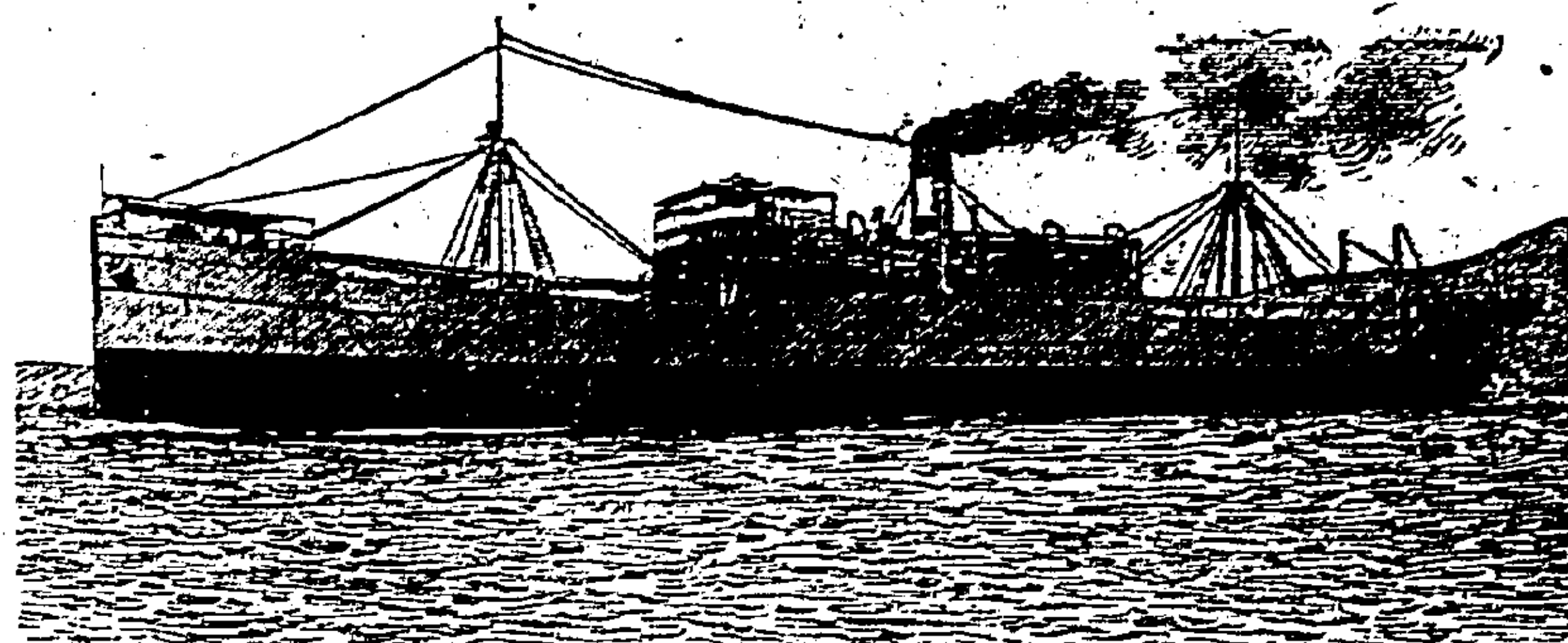
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SHANGHAI via Swatow	Wingsang	Sun., 19th Dec. at d'light.
SHANGHAI	Koonshing	Tues., 21st Dec. at d'light.
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SWATOW & BANGKOK	Luchow	21st Dec. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, SHAI & PUKOW	Szechuen	21st Dec. at noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Shingchow	21st Dec. at 3 p.m.
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The N. Y. K. s.s. YOKOHAMA M. (European Line) left London, for this port via Suez, on the 27th Nov. and is expected here on the 6th January.

The R. M. S. MONTEAGLE left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai on the 29th Nov., and is due here on or about the 26th December.

The s.s. SAMARANG MARU, (Nanyo Yusen Kaisha) has been substituted for s.s. BORNEO M., and is due to sail from Kobe on the 14th inst., arriving here about the 23rd.

The T. K. K. s.s. SIBERIA M. arrived at Yokohama on the 5th instant and sailed on the 9th instant, being due at this port December 22nd.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KOTSU M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 7th Dec. and is expected here on the 23rd Dec.

The s.s. KNIGHT TEMPLAR, (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on 11th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 19th inst.

The N. Y. K. s.s. LIMA M. (Hamburg Line) left Dairen for this port direct on the 12th Dec. and is expected here on the 17th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KATORI M. (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Nagasaki and Shanghai on the 12th Dec. and is expected here on the 26th December.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai on the 7th December, and is due here on or about the 29th December.

The s.s. MATTAWA, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 10th December, and is due at Yokohama on or about the 4th January.

The s.s. ALCINOUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on 14th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 19th December.

The s.s. PROTESILAUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 10th December for Hongkong and is due here on 5th January.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NIKKO M. (Australian Line) left Manila for this port on the 14th Dec. and is expected here on the 16th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOKUSHIMA M. (Liverpool Line) left Singapore for this port on the 14th December and is expected here on the 20th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TAMBA M. (European Line) left London for this port via Suez, on the 11th Dec. and is expected here on the 20th Jan.

The s.s. MONTAGUE left Portland, Ore. for Hongkong via ports Nov. 18th and is expected here January 1st 1921.

The s.s. CROSSKEYS left Seattle, Wash., for Hongkong via ports Nov. 18th and is expected here January 1st 1921.

The s.s. EDMORE left Seattle, Wash., for Hongkong via ports Dec. 7th and is expected January 24th 1921.

The s.s. DUQUESNE left New York for Hongkong via ports Dec. 9th and is expected here Feb. 2nd, 1921.

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The s.s. SCHODACK left New York for Hongkong via ports Nov. 13th and is expected here Jan. 10th, 1921.

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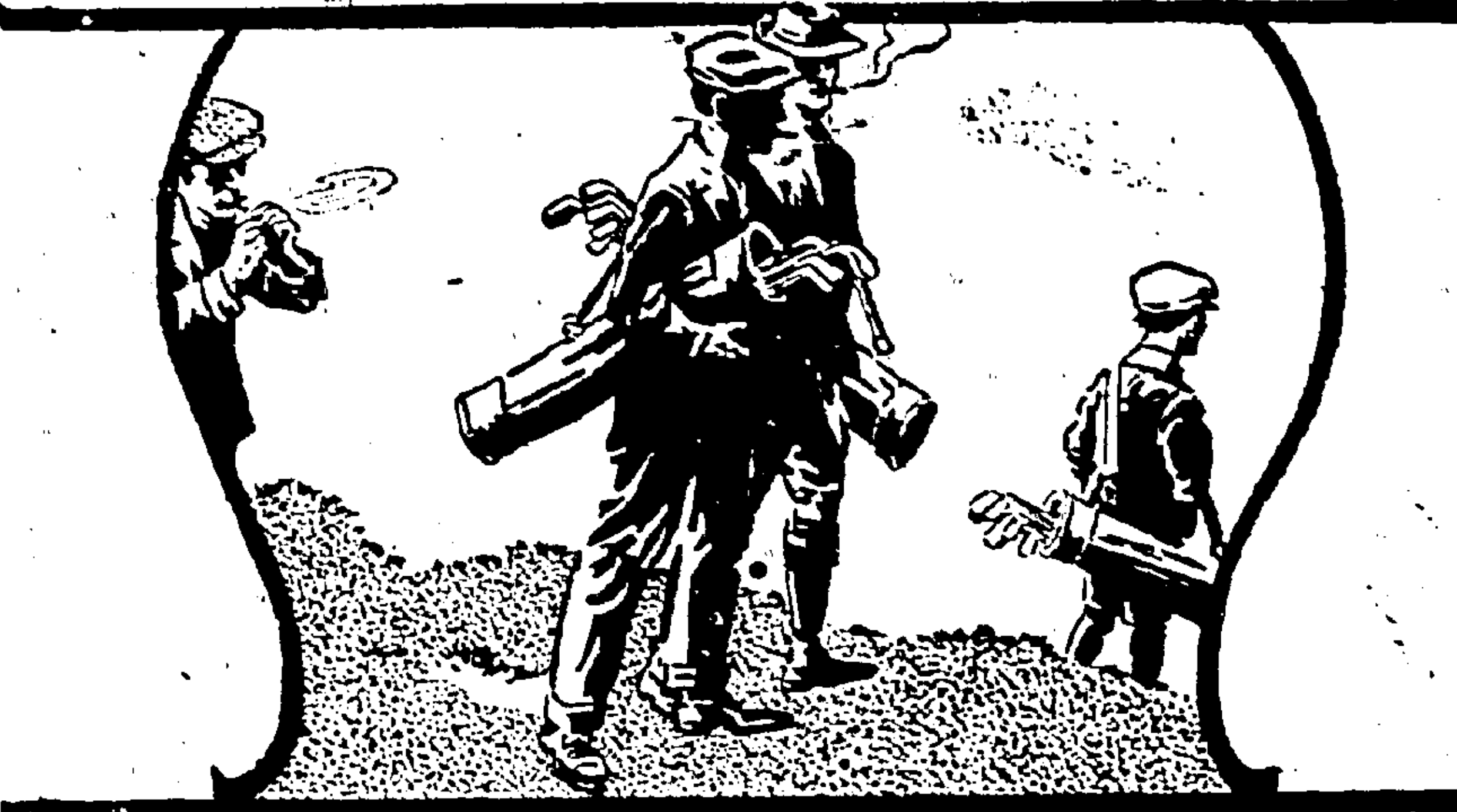
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17th Dec.
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Dec.
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only)—Per KNIGHT TEM-
PLAR, 19th Dec.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters
only)—Per HONG WAN I,
20th Dec.
Shanghai and Japan—Per KATORI
M., 20th Dec.
Straits—Per TOKUSHIMA M.,
20th Dec.
Straits and Calcutta—Per KOTSU
M., 25th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

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Japan—Per BENRINNES, 5
p.m.
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10 a.m.
Amoy, *Shanghai, *N. China &
*Japan—Per GREGORY
APCAR, 10 a.m.
Japan—Per NIKKO MARU, 10
a.m.
*Philippine Is.—Per TYNDAR-
IUS, 3 p.m.
Philippine Islands—Per YUEN
SANG, 2 p.m.
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Per HAIHONG, 11 a.m.
Shanghai, N. China, Japan via
Honolulu, Canada, United
States, Central & South
America & Europe via San
Francisco—Per KOREA M.,
Reg. 945 a.m. Letters 10.30

Saturday, 18th Dec.

*Swatow, Amoy and Keelung—
Per WING SANG, 5 p.m.
*Shanghai and N. China—Per
YING CHOW, 3 p.m.
Sunday, 19th Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung—
Per AMAKUN M., 9 a.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon,
Mauritius, L. Marques, S.
Africa, India via Dhanush-
kodi, Egypt & Europe via
Marseilles—Per DEVANHA,
Reg. 5 p.m. Letters 8.30 a.m.
Monday, 20th Dec.
Shanghai & N. China—Per
KOONSANG, 5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, & Calcutta
—Per CHAK SANG, 1 p.m.
Tuesday, 21st Dec.
Philippine Is.—Per HUICHOW,
2 p.m.
Sandakan—Per HINSANG, 11
a.m.
*Swatow and Bangkok—Per
LUECHOW, 9 a.m.
Amoy, *Shanghai & N. China—
Per SZECHUEN, 11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—
Per HAILONG, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, 22nd Dec.
Hoibow & Haiphong—Per LAK-
SANG, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, North China, & Japan
—Per KUMSANG, 5 p.m.
Philippine Islands, Australia &
New Zealand via Thursday
Island—Per TANGO M.,
Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30
a.m.

Thursday, 23rd Dec.

Shanghai and North China—Per
SINKIANG, 11 a.m.
Friday, 24th Dec.
Shanghai, North China & Japan
—Per KAGA M., 10 a.m.
Saturday, 25th Dec.
Philippine Is.—Per TAMING, 9
a.m.
Monday, 27th Dec.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per
HAICHING, 11 a.m.
Tuesday, 28th Dec.
Manila, *Shanghai & N. China,
*Japan, *Canada, *United
States, *Central & South
America & Europe via
Seattle—Per KATORI M.,
Reg. 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m.
*Correspondence bearing vessels
name only.

WEATHER REPORT.

Dec. 16d. 12h. 05m—Pressure
changes since yesterday are
small.
The anticyclone is still central
over Korea.
Fresh monsoon may be ex-
pected along the south-east coast
of China and over the N. China
Sea.
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24
hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day,
0.10 inch. Total since January
1st, 16.73 inches, against an
average of 82.60 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS
ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gap
Rock. N. & N.E.
winds,
fresh;
cloudy,
some mist
or drizzle.
The same
as No. 1.
2 Formosa Channel. The same
as No. 1.
3 South coast of
China between
H.K. & Lamcocks.
N.E. winds,
moderate.
4 South coast of
China between
H.K. & Hainan.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.
H.K. Observatory, Dec. 16.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous Day	on date.	on date.
Barometer	30.12	30.14	30.08
Temperature	65	60	67
Humidity	51	78	70
Wind Direction	E.	N.	NNW.
Wind Force	2	3	2
Weather	o	o	o
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.10
Highest open air	Temperature on the 15th	65	
Lowest open air	Temperature on the 16th	54	

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13th to 19th Dec. 1920.

Week.	High Water Hour from Mean Time.	Low Water Hour from Mean Time.	High Water Hour from Mean Time.	Low Water Hour from Mean Time.
Mon. 13	10 47a	4 54a	10 47a	4 54a
Tue. 14	11 30a	4 13a	11 30a	4 13a
Wed. 15	12 12a	3 32a	12 12a	3 32a
Thur. 16	1 00a	2 51a	1 00a	2 51a
Fri. 17	1 48a	2 10a	1 48a	2 10a
Sat. 18	2 36a	1 29a	2 36a	1 29a
Sun. 19	3 24a	0 48a	3 24a	0 48a

m morning, a afternoon

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East Asia	b.	123
Marine Insurance		
Canton	n.	375
North China	n.	153
Union	b.	205 sa.
Yongtze	n.	25
Far Eastern	n.	120

Fire Insurance.

China Fire	b.	125
H. K. Fire	n.	318

Shipping.

Douglas	n.	65
H.K. Steamboat	b.	24 1/2
Indos (Prof.)	b.	22
Indo Def. Lon/Reg.	a.	210
Indo Def. H.K. Reg.	n.	190
Shells	b.	130
Ferries	n.	24 1/2

Refineries.

Sugars	b. & sa.	207
Malabona	b.	50

Mining.

Kailan	b.	100 1/2
Lampaka	b.	13 1/2
Shanghai Loans	b.	13 1/2
Shai Explorations	b.	1
Rauha	n.	25
Tanah	n.	20
Ural Chapians	n.	20

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.

H.K. Wharves	b.	91 1/2
K. Docks	a.	159 1/2
Shai Docks	sa.	116
N. Engineering	n.	123 1/2
Centrals	b.	130
H.K. Hotels	n.	150
H.K. Lands	n.	127
H. Phreys Est.	b.	94
K'loon Lands	n.	42
L. Reclamations	n.	140
West Point	b.	55

Cotton Mills.

Evo.	n.	452 1/2
Kung Yik	n.	44
Lau Kung Mow	n.	—
Oriental	a.	177 1/2 n. 177
Shai Cottons	n.	106
Yangtzeppoo	n.	126

Miscellaneous.

Cements	b.	970 s. 974
Do. Light old	b.	780
China Light new	b.	580
China Providents	b.	790
Dairy Farms	n.	32
Electric H.K.	n.	183 1/2
Electric Macao	n.	30
Hongkong Ropes	b.	22 1/2
Hk. Tramways	b.	7 1/2
Peak Tram, old	b.	7 1/2
Do. new	b.	75 cts.
Steam Landries	b.	4 1/2
Steel Foundries	n.	10
Water-works	b. & sa.	15 1/2
Watsons	b.	780
Wm. Powells	b.	18
Wismans	b.	31

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1920.